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$10.1M unused fed funds by 2021

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REPORTER

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reportedly expects the CNMI to accumulate $10.1 million in unused federal funding by the end of 2021 from the 2015 Agricultural Act alone.

» Kilili to Torres: Make families eligible for NAP

In a letter to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the USDA projects the CNMI government to still have on hand $10.1 million of the $30.5 million obtained from the 2014 Agricultural Act.

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US seeks to assuage Asian allies after N. Korea summit

By JOSH LEDERMAN and CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING (AP)—The United States and its Asian allies worked Thursday to paper over any semblance of disagreement over President Donald Trump's concession

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Anti-blighted properties bill now law

» After a year, property owners are to be held accountable

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed into law yesterday a measure that would hold blighted property owners accountable.

House Local Bill 20-14 was finally enacted after two prior legislations unsuccessfully went through the Legislature

Torres inked Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero's (R-Saipan) H.L.B. 20-14 after going through five amendments and hours of discussions during Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation sessions.

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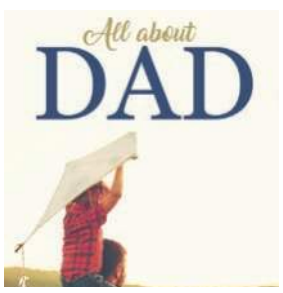

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Local

Settlement reached in alleged exploitation suit

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The owner of a company that provides security services has settled a lawsuit filed in federal court by a man who was convicted and sentenced to time already served for his role in a CW-1 scam that victimized Bangladeshi nationals.

Plaintiff Mohammad Zeaur Rahman Dalu and MD Nurul Islam Bhuiyan, who owns Island Protection Service, have agreed to have the lawsuit dismissed with prejudice.

That means Dalu can no longer re-file his lawsuit against Bhuiyan.

In their agreement to drop the case, Dalu and Bhuiyan would shoulder their attorneys' fees and costs except as provided in their settlement agreement. The terms of that settlement were not disclosed.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed the lawsuit on Monday and directed the clerk to close the case.

In his lawsuit, Dalu identifed those who allegedly engaged in a longstanding practice of exploiting Bangladeshis as cheap labor for profits.

Dalu sued his former employer, Bhuiyan, owner of Island Protection Services, for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, violations of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act, violations of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, breach of contract, fraud, and unjust enrichment.

Dalu demanded unpaid wages, overtime compensation, damages, restitution, court costs, and attorney's fees.

Dalu, who was a teacher in Bangladesh, claimed he himself is a victim, having paid a huge amount as recruiting fee on promises he would have a good life in the U.S. and get a green card.

Dalu tagged Bhuiyan and Bhuiyan's brothers, Faruq and Motin, of allegedly exploiting Bangladeshis as cheap labor to make money. Bhuiyan has denied the allegation.

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PIBBA WEEK
Members of the CNMI chapter of the Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association pose for a photo with CNMI dignitaries during the proclamation signing of PIBBA Week last Wednesday at the Governor's Office.

KIMBERLY A BAUTISTA

Sex offender allegedly assaults minor on Rota

A convicted sex offender in Guam was arrested on Rota last Sunday for allegedly touching the privates of a 17-year-old girl who was sleeping as a guest of a family in Sinapalo I.

Lazaro H. Guillermo, 24, was taken before Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo last Tuesday afternoon for a bail hearing on charges of sexual assault in the second degree, burglary, and disturbing the peace.

Govendo imposed a $50,000 cash bail on Guillermo and set the preliminary hearing for June 21 at 1:30pm.

According to the Rota Department of Public Safety, they received a call regarding a sexual assault of a minor case at a home in Sinapalo I last Sunday at 6:43am.

Upon police's arrival at the scene, they learned that the victim is a 17-year-old girl, who is an off-island guest of a family over the weekend.

Investigation revealed that the alleged perpetrator, Guillermo, is a friend of the family but does not stay in that house.

Guillermo was arrested that same morning at a nearby house.

The victim told police that she woke up to someone touching her privates in the early morning of Sunday as she was sleeping on a couch in a bedroom with another female on a bed with a baby.

The victim allegedly recognized Guillermo but she did not scream for help, afraid that he might hurt her and the two others in the room. It was only when Guillermo left the bedroom that the victim told the other woman in the room about what had happened.

The other female told police that she actually saw Guillermo enter the room and touch the victim's privates but that she was also was scared to say anything as the suspect may hurt her.

During the police interview, Guillermo allegedly admitted breaking into the house through the window and touching the girl.

Guillermo said he left the bedroom when the witness told him to leave.

Based on DPS records, Guillermo is a sex offender in Guam.

Guillermo reports to DPS Rota once a year about where he lives. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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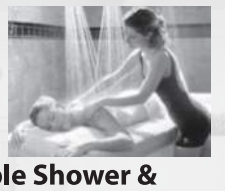

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Arrest of federal probationer Edwin Blas ordered

A federal probationer who allegedly stole four truck batteries from his former employer is in more trouble after he was accused of punching his wife, hitting her mouth with a beer can, and shattering the windows of her car with a beer can and rock at a beach in Chalan Kanoa Sunday night.

Edwin Peter Blas was allegedly drunk during the assault and was also intoxicated when a U.S. probation officer and a deputy U.S. Marshal visited him at a house in Chalan Kanoa last Monday.

Due to these incidents, the U.S. Probation Office asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to issue a warrant of arrest for Blas and order him to explain why his supervised release should not be revoked.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted yesterday the U.S. Probation Office's request for an arrest warrant.

According to U.S. probation officer Gregory F. Arriola, Blas is required to abstain from alcoholic beverages and submit to testing to detect for the consumption of alcohol.

Arriola disclosed that last Sunday at 11:04pm, Department of Public Safety police officers responded to the beach side of the Aquarius Beach Tower about a woman whose face was bleeding.

The woman, who was identified as Blas' wife, informed the officer that Blas had damaged the windshield of her vehicle and left the area on foot.

The officer saw that the wife was also intoxicated.

The wife said she and Blas arrived at the beach at 8pm to drink with some friends. She later left the group to get food. When she went back, Blas said something that prompted her to attempt to leave. As she was revving her car's engine. Blas threw a rock at the windshield. He also threw a beer can, shattering the vehicle's back window. Blas opened the hood of the vehicle and attempted to throw a hollow block at the engine, but she was able to stop him.

Manglona

Blas then allegedly hit her mouth with a beer can and punched her, causing her lips to bleed. Holding a knife, he allegedly threatened to kill her.

The wife said Blas has been physically abusing her.

Arriola said that when he and deputy U.S. Marshal John Vega found Blas at a house in Chalan Kanoa last Monday, he saw an open can of beer on the floor of the house.

Arriola said Blas was subjected to a breathalyzer test, which showed that he had blood alcohol level of .062 percent. The legal limit is .08 percent.

Arriola said Blas admitted he had consumed four cans of beer.

Arriola said Blas also admitted damaging the windows of his wife's car with a rock.

Last week, Arriola informed the federal court that DPS is investigating Blas for allegedly stealing four truck batteries, then selling them with two other car batteries for $40 last November.

Blas is a registered sex offender and has previous convictions.. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

US

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to Kim Jong Un that the U.S. will halt military exercises with South Korea, with Trump's top diplomat insisting the president hadn't backed down from his firm line on North Korea's nukes.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, meeting with top South Korean and Japanese diplomats, put a more sober spin on several moves by Trump after his summit with Kim that had fueled unease in Washington, Tokyo and Seoul. He said Trump's curious claim that the North's nuclear threat was over was issued with "eyes wide open," and brushed off a North Korean state-run media report suggesting Trump would grant concessions even before the North fully rids itself of nuclear weapons.

"We're going to get denuclearization," Pompeo said in the South Korean capital. "Only then will there be relief from the sanctions."

Pompeo flew from Seoul to China's capital, Beijing, later Thursday for a meeting with President Xi Jinping, whose country is believed to wield considerable influence with North Korea as its chief ally and economic lifeline. Pompeo was also due to meet with top diplomats and hold a joint news conference with Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

At a daily briefing, foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang reiterated China's support for a political settlement, while also pointing to an eventual lifting of United Nations Security Council economic sanctions.

"We believe that the sanctions themselves are not the end," Geng said.

China has been praised by Trump for ramping up economic pressure on the North that the U.S. believes helped coax Kim to the negotiating table.

On the joint U.S.-South Korea drills that Trump—after meeting Kim—said would be terminated, Pompeo emphasized a key caveat: If the mercurial North Korean leader stops negotiating in good faith, the "war games" will be back on.

The words of reassurance from Pompeo came as diplomacy continued at an intense pace after Tuesday's summit in Singapore, the first between a sitting American president and North Korea's leader in six decades of hostility. In the village of Panmunjom along the North-South border, the rival Koreas on Thursday held their first high-level military talks since 2007, focused on reducing tensions across their heavily fortified border.

Yet even as U.S. and South Korean officials sought to parlay the momentum from the dramatic summit into more progress on the nuclear issue, there were persistent questions about whether Trump had given away too much in return for too little.

Trump's announcement minutes after the summit's conclusion that he would halt the "provocative" joint military drills were a shock to South Korea and caught much of the U.S. military off guard, too. Pyongyang has long sought an end to the exercises it considers rehearsals for an invasion, but U.S. treaty allies Japan and South Korea view them as critical elements of their own national security.

So Pompeo had some explaining to do as he traveled to Seoul to brief the allies on what transpired in Singapore.

In public, at least, South Korea's leader cast the summit's outcome as positive during a short meeting with Pompeo at the Blue House, South Korea's presidential palace. President Moon Jae-in, an avowed supporter of engagement with North Korea, called it "a truly historic feat" that had "moved us from the era of hostility towards the era of dialogue, of peace and prosperity."

Still, there were signs as Pompeo met later with the top Japanese and South Korean diplomats that concerns about the freeze had not been fully resolved. South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha, speaking in Korean, told reporters afterward that the military drills issue "was not discussed in depth."

"This is a matter that military officials from South Korea and the United States will have to discuss further and coordinate," Kang said.

The U.S. has stationed combat troops in South Korea since the end of the Korean War and has used them in a variety of drills. The next scheduled major exercise, involving tens of thousands of troops, normally would be held in August.

The summit in Singapore did mark a reduction in tensions—a sea change from last fall, when North Korea was conducting nuclear and missile tests, and Trump and Kim were trading threats and insults that stoked fears of war.

Kim is now promising to work toward a denuclearized Korean Peninsula and state media heralded the meeting as victorious, with photos of Kim standing side-by-side with Trump on the world stage splashed across newspapers in Pyongyang. On Thursday, North Koreans finally got a glimpse of video of Trump and Kim together, as official Korean Central Television broadcast the first footage of Kim's trip to Singapore.

Trump seemed equally ecstatic. As he landed Wednesday in Washington following the summit, he declared on Twitter that America and the world can "sleep well tonight."

"There is no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea," Trump wrote, even though North Korea has yet to give up any of its fissile material, estimated by independent experts to be enough for between about a dozen and 60 nuclear bombs.

Pompeo rejected the suggestion that Trump's Pollyannaish assertion was premature. He said Trump was proceeding "with eyes wide open" to the prospect that diplomacy may falter, and that Trump was merely reflecting the historic nature of his confab with Kim. The Korean War ended in 1953 without a peace treaty, leaving the United States and North Koreas in a technical state of war.

With the Trump-Kim summit concluded, the baton was being passed to lower-level U.S. and North Korean officials, who Pompeo said would likely resume meeting as early as the next week to hash out details of a disarmament deal, sure to be a complex and contentious process. He said the U.S. was hopeful North Korea would take "major" disarmament steps before the end of Trump's first term in office, which concludes in January 2021.

In the brief, four-point joint statement signed at the summit, North Korea committed "to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula"—a promise it has made and reneged on several times in the past 25 years.

The statement made no mention of verification, despite Trump's longstanding insistence on "complete, verifiable and irreversible" denuclearization. But Pompeo bristled at reporters who pressed him about that apparent omission, calling questions on the topic "insulting and ridiculous."

The omission is irrelevant, Pompeo said, adding that he was confident the North Koreans fully understood that verification would be a necessity. He pointed out that the statement makes reference to a previous agreement that did mention verification, and argued that as a result, the Trump-Kim statement automatically "incorporates" verification without having to state it outright.

ANTI-BLIGHTED

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The bill seeks to address the numerous abandoned cars and buildings that are "eyesores" to tourists and residents and uncontrolled breeding ground for pests, protection or shelter for rodents and vermin, and a possible site for drug manufacturing, trafficking, or use.

The bill mandates that any property owner who has been in violation for over 90 days would be penalized. Penalties would accrue, with each passing day counting as a separate instance of the violation. The bill did not specify the penalty amounts to be imposed on the property owner.

The Commonwealth Zoning Office may abate the nuisance themselves but with the costs to be recouped from the property owner, if the property owner fails to abate the nuisance after the expiration of his right to appeal to the Zoning board.

An educational period of one year after the bill's enactment would occur to allow property owners time to prepare for the new statute.

The bill becomes Saipan Local Law 20-25.

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Sablan noted that, in addition to the unused $7.3 million obtained from the annual $12.14-million block grant appropriated by U.S. Congress, the expected carry-over at the end of 2021 would total $20.44 million.

Sablan previously called out the Torres administration after it was discovered that $18.4 million left over in ENAP funding was carried over from fiscal year 2017, while $4.1 million of the $12.1 million NAP block grant was carried over. The ENAP funding for fiscal year 2018 started at $27 million.

"Your administration announced a significant increase in food stamp benefits that went into effect on May 1. By taking this action, you fulfilled one of my long-term goals: SNAP parity. Benefits for families on Saipan are now the same as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits in Guam. And benefits for Rota, the Northern Islands, and Tinian are now higher than SNAP," he said, adding his gratitude and noting that 2,600 additional households are receiving benefits.

Sablan said that based on his calculation of USDA data, an additional 2,000 more households could receive benefits if all the Agricultural Act money is used up.

However, over 4,000 more beneficiary households are needed in order to include the CNMI in the SNAP nationwide program, Sablan said, citing a 2016 report assessing the feasibility of implementing SNAP in the CNMI.

"That remains my goal: to have every family in the Marianas that would qualify under SNAP income guidelines eligible to receive SNAP level benefits—either by including the Marianas in the SNAP or by securing sufficient annual funding to give the Marianas parity," he said.

"I have made federal funding available. I am working to get more. I urge you to use this money—now—to help our economy and to help more families put food on the table."

Okinawan group makes pilgrimage to the CNMI

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The Micronesia Repatriation of Okinawans organization made what has become an annual trek to the CNMI, this time celebrating 49 years since their peace memorial was installed on Saipan.

About a dozen Okinawan folk who either lived in the CNMI during the Japanese era or are descendants of Japanese individuals who lived and died in the Marianas, made their way to Saipan for the peace memorial service at the Okinawa Peace Tower in Marpi last Tuesday.

Through Pacific Development, Inc., the group has ventured to the CNMI for nearly 50 years now but, despite the years that have passed, their excitement to meet CNMI residents has remained.

This time, the group had the opportunity to meet Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, and Japanese consul to the CNMI Kinji Shinoda.

The group extended its utmost appreciation for the CNMI's continued support of their pilgrimage and their efforts to ensure that the people of Okinawa and the people of the Marianas continue to maintain the relationship established over the years.

The Micronesia Repatriation of Okinawans will be leaving for Tinian today to continue their prayers of peace at the Tinian Peace Tower.

After today's ceremony, the group will have a few more days to visit the sights where they grew up before departing, or where their ancestors are buried.

According to PDI managing director Gordon Marciano, a few members of the group are excited to be back as they call Saipan their second home.

"[They] are looking forward to visiting just about everywhere they can, strolling down memory lane," he said.

The group extends their appreciation to everyone who participated in the ceremony, especially the CNMI government, for its continued efforts to maintain the peace between Japan and the CNMI.

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McDonald's donates $5,000 to the Northern Marianas Trades Institute.

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McDonald's donates $5K to NMTI

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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute has received a large sum from one of its supporters, McDonald's Guam and Saipan, known as an advocate of education.

McDonald's Guam and Saipan donated $5,000 to NMTI last Wednesday in support of its growing programs.

According to NMTI president Agnes McPhetres, NMTI is always grateful for companies like McDonald's, who see the need for the islands' sole trades institution.

"We are very appreciative because, without the collaboration with the private sector, NMTI wouldn't be able to move that much," she said.

McPhetres said the donation will be used to purchase materials that NMTI needs to keep its programs running, and in preparation of the NMTI Gala this June.

"Everything we get from McDonald's, we will use to purchase equipment and tools because we don't have enough money for that…this is also for the gala," she said.

The gala is set for June 22 and will be held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. McPhetres hopes the gala will net $30,000 or more that will go to purchasing tools and equipment for the trades programs.

McDonald's Middle Road general manager Joe Ayuyu Jr. said that he and his family hold the NMTI near and dear to their hearts because they support the institution's mission to train CNMI residents for positions that the CNMI needs to fill.

"Our family is a firm believer in education…in NMTI. …This won't be the last time. …The whole CNMI sees the need for NMTI and what the school offers. These are very practical jobs that I think our people really need to take advantage of and these are skills our economy truly needs," he said.

Ayuyu himself is an NMTI electrical program student because he believes that, as general manager, it is important to know the internal and external functions of the company he runs.

As a student in NMTI, he said that he has seen the need of NMTI for funding. Ayuyu assured that McDonald's will continue to support NMTI.

House CHCC budget hearing cancelled

The House of Representatives would not be holding any budget hearings for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) said that no budget hearing would be held for the corporation due to scheduling conflicts between his committee and CHCC.

"We've called in pretty much all the critical programs with the exception of CHCC," said Demapan last Wednesday.

Instead, CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña would be submitting a written statement justifying their proposed budget for fiscal year 2019.

"We would take a look at that as…we do in a budget hearing and see how much we can accommodate their request," he said.

Demapan said the committee is looking at passing a product for House review by July. However, he said he would first want to communicate with Sen. Jude Hofschneider's (R-Tinian) Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee.

"I am going to confer also with the Senate committee chair on their approach for the budget process. If they are ready to begin on their side, then the House committee would eventually decide to deliberate on a House version so we can send it out to the Senate [for review]," he said. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres meets Board of Education chair MaryLou S. Ada and vice chair Janice A. Tenorio, who is also a customer service manager of IT&E and representing the telecom company, during yesterday afternoon's working session. The working group was established last month.

Benavente claim for resentencing found with no merit

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The federal court has denied the request for a review of pleadings and resentencing filed by a former firefighter whose 30-year imprisonment sentence after being convicted of sexual exploitation of a child was affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

In an order on Wednesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said that Richard Sullivan Benavente's claim is without merit.

Manglona said the Ninth Circuit has affirmed the enhancement of Benavente's sentence, that it was warranted, not because Benavente had lied while testifying in a different case, but because he had lied to government agents in violation of his plea agreement.

The judge dismissed the habeas case that Benavente filed and directed the clerk to close the case.

Benavente, who is currently serving a prison term in a prison in New York, filed a motion pro se or without a lawyer before the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Benavente asked the court to remove the enhancement of the sentence, give him credit, and resentence him.

Benavente said his alleged lies in the Raymond Roberto case did not impede the U.S. government's prosecution of the underlying offense for which he was charged.

In October 2017, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the District Court's imposition of 30-year prison sentence on Benavente. The Ninth Circuit judges ruled that Manglona did not abuse her discretion in imposing a two-level sentencing enhancement on Benavente.

Manglona concluded that Benavente obstructed justice by lying to the U.S. government and violating his plea agreement by testifying falsely at the trial of Roberto.

Manglona sentenced Benavente in 2016 to the statutory maximum after explaining that the defendant had enticed or coerced at least two minor girls into having sex in exchange for drugs, and had violated his plea agreement.

In October 2015, Manglona determined that Benavente lied in his testimony at the trial of Roberto, who was then charged with coercion and enticement of some of the same minors that Benavente had sexually exploited.

Roberto was acquitted.

In 2013, a federal grand jury indicted Benavente on several counts of sexual exploitation of a child. He entered into a plea agreement with the U.S. government.

In 2014, Benavente pleaded guilty to a count of sexual exploitation of a child.

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BOE finds ex-PSS commissioner's argument puzzling

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REPORTER

The Board of Education and its members are puzzled over the argument of former Public School System commissioner Cynthia I. Deleon Guerrero in her motion that asked the federal court to reconsider its decision to dismiss her claims against the BOE and its members over her termination.

The board and its members, through special assistant attorney general Tiberius D. Mocanu, said Deleon Guerrero argues that she should be entitled to a pre-termination hearing because BOE chair Mary-Lou S. Ada had stated that she did not get along with her.

Mocanu said that, in her motion for consideration, Deleon Guerrero contests the accuracy of that statement. Mocanu asked how is that even possible.

"How could anyone contest the stated subjective feelings of another person? What would the goal of that hearing even be?" the lawyer asked. He urged Deleon Guerrero to produce evidence that Ada did, in fact, get along with her.

The most absurd part of this argument, Mocanu said, is that if Deleon Guerrero succeeds in proving the statement false, it would make her case worse, not better. Meaning if Deleon Guerrero proves she and Ada did get along, then her termination really could not be "for cause," let alone an illegal one.

"They get along, after all," Mocanu added.

The board and its members do not believe that Deleon Guerrero's motion for reconsideration raises any new issues of law or posits any argument that would disturb the court's "sound reasoning."

First of all, Deleon Guerrero herself agrees that she is an at-will employee, Mocanu said.

This ends the analysis, he said.

He said the court's decision and the totality of the federal law stands for the proposition that an at-will employee does not have a property interest sufficient to make out a claim for procedural due process under the 14th Amendment.

The lawyer said Deleon Guerrero's simple retort is that she had a contract for four years, she was terminated after only one, and that she had a property right in continuing her job for the rest of her term. "This misses the point," Mocanu said.

He said Deleon Guerrero's contract for four years and the accompanying statute creates a term limit on employment, not a guarantee. "In other words, the four-year term is a ceiling, not a floor," he said.

Mocanu said this is the case because both the contract and the statute contemplate her possible removal prior to the expiration of her term.

Thus, he said, if an "expectation" analysis is conducted to determine what reasonable expectation Deleon Guerrero had in her continued employment, the answer is simple.

Mocanu said Deleon Guerrero had the expectation that she would serve a term no longer than four years unless reappointed by the board, and that she could be terminated prior to the end of her term—for cause or without cause.

Mocanu said if Deleon Guerrero was terminated without cause, she would be entitled to a lump sum payment of several pay periods.

He said Deleon Guerrero also contends that she was removed "for cause," namely that the board stated that they did not get along with her.

Mocanu said all terminations are predicated on a motivation.

He said Deleon Guerrero makes no allegation of discriminatory animus and thus cannot sustain any argument stemming from her claim that the termination was really "for cause."

Last May 30, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed with prejudice Deleon Guerrero's remaining two claims in her lawsuit: violation of her due process rights and conspiracy to violate her due process rights.

Dismissal with prejudice means Deleon Guerrero can no longer re-file the claims.

Deleon Guerrero then asked the court to reconsider.

Deleon Guerrero, through counsel Brien Sers Nicholas, asserted that the manifest errors of law in her case will make her suffer injustice.

Nicholas argued, among other things, that Deleon Guerrero is entitled to due process as she has a "property interest" in her employment.

Deleon Guerrero is suing the board and its members for terminating her as the PSS commissioner last October. She is demanding $350,000 in damages.

Deleon Guerrero claimed that her termination was in retaliation for her questioning BOE's micromanagement of PSS and her refusal to transfer $175,000 to the board's account. The BOE has denied the allegations.

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Torres backs Trump's efforts on N. Korea

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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, in a phone call to the White House, supports the direction President Donald J. Trump has charted in the United States' relationship with North Korea.

Describing the meeting between the two in Singapore last Monday as a "historic" day for both countries, Torres said he fully supports Trump.

"[It] was a historic day for the United States and North Korea as President Trump has made more advancements toward securing a complete denuclearization of North Korea," Torres said in a statement. "I stand proudly by President Trump's side in his efforts to establish a safer Pacific region."

Torres said that Trump recognizes that the CNMI is the closest U.S. territory to North Korea.

North Korea previously threatened to launch a preemptive strike against Guam in late 2017. The country also several times detonated explosives, with one powerful enough to create a magnitude 6.3 tremor.

"…We have always known that any threat to the U.S. would start with our islands. However, President Trump has consistently assured me that the United States would stand shoulder to shoulder with us and never let us down," Torres said in his statement.

"I realize that these negotiations with North Korea will be ongoing, and I reinforced my commitment to President Trump early this morning that the CNMI stands ready to assist in whatever way possible in his efforts," he added.

According to press secretary Kevin Bautista, Torres joins the White House's list of governors who have already expressed support for the summit with North Korea in Singapore.

That meeting yielded a signed document, where Trump reportedly committed to provide security guarantees to North Korea and Kim reaffirmed his commitment to complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

The two countries also agreed through the signing of the document that new U.S.-North Korean relations would be re-established to build on a joint effort toward building a lasting and stable peace regime on the Korean peninsula.

Bordallo statement on North Korea summit

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) issued the following statement at the conclusion of the summit between President Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un in Singapore:

"I welcome the talks between President Trump and Kim Jong-un and the progress towards a diplomatic denuclearization of North Korea. The agreement reached yesterday is a broad framework and a step toward securing peace on the Korean peninsula. The President should now detail to the American people and international community how his administration will verify North Korea's compliance.

"I am, however, disappointed that the agreement did not address North Korea's horrific human rights violations. Last week, I joined Republican and Democratic members of Congress to urge the President to include concessions from North Korea for these atrocities. Many North Koreans have suffered horrifically under the Kim regime, and the United States should seek to end this oppressive treatment. I am also concerned with the President's statement that the U.S. would withdraw our servicemembers from South Korea, which has been an important deterrent to aggression in the region.

"As talks with the Kim regime continue, it is my hope the administration will work with Congress to bring a complete and lasting peace on the Korean peninsula. I am ready to support efforts that will enhance our security, recover the remains of American POW/MIA servicemembers, and bolster peace in our region." ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMDC meeting set

The Northern Marianas Descent Corp.) will be holding a general membership meeting next week Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at the Carolinian Utt. The meeting will begin promptly at 6pm and the topic for discussion will be on Senate Bill 20-35 which is to amend 1 CMC subsection 2806(c) to increase the term of public land leases up to 40 years plus an extension up to 35 years for a total 75 years; to authorize existing public land leases to be amended to extend the existing lease term up to 75 years; and for other purposes. ***(PR)***

Military training at former golf course

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the former Adm. Nimitz Golf Course in Barrigada on June 15-18, from 5pm to 11pm.

These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training.

The public should be advised that routine helicopter training often accompanied with the use of blanks can occur throughout the week in areas of the former golf course and Andersen South. ***(PR)***

Power interruption on Saturday

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Saturday, June 16, 2018, from 5am to 10am, affecting San Roque and As Matuis. All water wells in As Matuis will be affected. All lift stations in As Matuis and San Roque will also be affected.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize utility lines and allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. linemen to safely replace three 55-foot wooden poles with concrete poles.

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NMC to host Project PROA Summer Camp

File photo shows last year's Project PROA participants posing with members from 500 Sails after learning about indigenous methods of navigation and sailing.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Project PROA program at Northern Marianas College is inviting high school juniors and seniors and recent high school graduates to enroll in its summer camp program, which begins on July 9, 2018.

The three-week camp aims to prepare students who plan on attending NMC for college success and to provide them with the opportunity to strengthen their ties to their cultural heritage with various activities and field trips.

Participants of the Project PROA summer camp program will engage in morning academic sessions provided by the Community Development Institute and cultural activities in the afternoon with organizations such as 500 Sails, Carolinian Affairs Office, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, American Memorial Park, and NMC's Cooperative Research Extension & Education Services.

To qualify for the camp, participants must be a high school junior, senior, or recent high school graduate and self-identify as Chamorro and/or Carolinian, per grant requirements. Interested individuals must be program eligible to participate.

Participation is absolutely free with lunch and snacks provided as well.

The Project PROA program coordinators are working closely with the Northern Marianas College's Community Development Institute to facilitate the enrichment portion of the camp which will allow participants to develop the essential skills needed to place in college-level English and math.

Seats will be on a first-come, first-serve basis so interested students are encouraged to submit their application or visit the PROA Center in Building G at the NMC Saipan As Terlaje campus, between 8am and 5pm.

Application forms are available online at www.marianas.edu/projectproa.php or at Project PROA in Room G1 and must be submitted no later than Friday, June 22, 2018, at 4pm. Orientation will be held on Friday, July 6, 2018, from 9am to 12pm in NMC's As Terlaje campus.

For more information, contact Malyssa Castro, Project PROA program coordinator, by phone at (670) 237-6777 or by email atprojectproa@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

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Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program's Administrative Office no later than 4:00 p.m., July 13, 2018.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications are met.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ANZ GUAM, INC., formerly known as CITIZENS SECURITY BANKS (GUAM), INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JESUS T. LIZAMA dba VICTORIA HOTEL, J&JEV ENTERPRISES, INC., and the BANK OF GUAM,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 00-0296 D
(THIRD AMENDED) NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of the Amended Judgment made and entered in the above titled action on 30th day of January, 2001, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to Plaintiff ANZ GUAM, INC., formerly known as CITIZENS SECURITY BANK (GUAM), INC. ("ANZ"), in the above titled action from Defendants JESUS T. LIZAMA DBA VICTORIA HOTEL AND J&JEV ENTERPRISES, INC., as prescribed in the Order Directing Foreclosure Sale of Mortgaged Property filed on February 13, 2013, pursuant to 7 CMC § 4537(e) the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **20th day of July, 2018 at 10 a.m.**, at Victoria Hotel, located on Micro Beach Rd, Garapan, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

PARCELS 1 & 2:

a. LOT 001 D 13, (formerly known as Block 3, Lot 1), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 D 00, the original of which was registered 30 SEP 70 as Document No. 512 at Land Registry, Saipan.

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PARCEL 3:

c. TRACT 21732-9, part of original Tract 21732-R1, AH 140), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2085/84, the original of which was recorded 08 AUG 84 as Document No. 84-1439 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

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1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

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b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c. To reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. All the property listed in this notice shall be sold to the highest bidder at a public auction, without any warranty being given, express or implied, with respect to the title, possession, and encumbrances, to satisfy the amount due to Plaintiff ANZ GUAM, INC., on the date of the sale under the Amended Judgment as prescribed in the Order Directing Foreclosure Sale of Mortgaged Property. ANZ GUAM, INC. reserves the right to bid all or part of the amount due at the time of the sale.

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Parcels 1 & 2: June 22, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
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DATED this 12th day of June, 2018.

/S/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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CNMI Scholarship, SHEFA reps

Representatives of the CNMI Scholarship and the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid program will be at Northern Marianas College's Cash for College event this Saturday to provide assistance and to also receive applications for their respective aid programs.

The Cash for College workshop, which will be held on Saturday at the NMC As Terlaje campus from 9am to 12pm, aims to provide personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, SHEFA, CNMI Scholarship, the TEACH grant and more.

Individuals who participate will also have their NMC fall admission application fee and placement test fees waived—a savings of up to $75.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), copy of 2016 and 2017 1040, copy of 2016 and 2017 W-2 (if not filing), and proof of CNMI residency, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport or a voter registration card.

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Morse is GM, VP for AK Saipan

TAMUNING, Guam—Alex Hammett, president of Atkins Kroll, Inc. and Atkins Kroll, (Saipan), Inc. has appointed Benjamin Morse as AK Saipan's general manager and vice president effective June 16, 2018.

Morse

Morse had previously served as Atkins Kroll Saipan operations manager and replaces Doug Brennan, who recently retired and served as the company's vice president/general manager on Saipan.

A Manhattan Beach, California native, and later a Redondo Beach 20-year resident, Morse earned a bachelor of science degree in Sociology from UC Santa Barbara and graduated from UCLA Anderson School of Executive Business General Management. Morse brings with him 18 years' experience in the automotive industry, and has held a range of general management, sales, marketing, and operations roles.

Before coming to work at Atkins Kroll, Morse was vice president of sales for Mobile Clear Shield. Prior to that, he worked as a portfolio manager for the Wilson Automotive Group in Southern California, a general manager for Tesla Motors, and a CEO of Morse GPS.

Morse first worked for a Toyota dealership 23 years ago in 1995 at Manhattan Beach Toyota, in California.

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PIBBA conference set

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REPORTER

The Pacific Islands Bilingual and Bicultural Association conference will be held on June 24 and will end on June 30, according to organizers last Wednesday.

With preparations that started as early as June last year, the public can expect appearances from attendees from all over the Pacific.

The highlight of this year's conference is the arrival of the King and Queen of Madolenihmw, Pohnpei.

The Palau and Guam language commissions will also be arriving for this year's conference to discuss ways to better implement the native language and to better improve the language dictionary.

The conference will touch base on the importance or preservation and perpetuation of the CNMI's native languages: Chamorro and Carolinian.

Last Wednesday, Gov Ralph DLG Torres signed the proclamation designating June 24 to 30 as Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association Week. He urges everyone in the CNMI to join him in honouring cultural and language practitioners and educators who continue to promote and perpetuate indigenous cultures and languages.

Torres said the PIBBA conference and its efforts to keep the language and the heritage alive is of grave importance.

According to International PIBBA president Francis Sablan, the conference is a time when both international and local PIBBA chapters get together to encourage the public to continue to sustain all Pacific island cultures, whether it is the language, beliefs, artifact, or customs.

"It is important that this proclamation proclaim to the world, not just to the CNMI, that the CNMI is still very strong in supporting all languages. It doesn't have to be Chamorro or Carolinian. It's encouraging all the parents to use their native language so that their children will grow up using it," Sablan said.

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EDITORIAL

Big on symbolism, short on specifics

Considering the rarity of President Donald Trump departing any recent summit meeting with a smile on his face, Tuesday's session with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un was remarkable for the mere fact that it happened—and ended cordially. Whether it proves a historic achievement depends on whether Kim honors his commitments.

The world has ample reason to be skeptical. But this is no time for cynicism. Tuesday's summit was the first since the Korean War of 1950-53. There is talk of a trip by Kim to Washington. The threat of nuclear confrontation has dramatically diminished.

That's cause for high praise, especially considering the roller-coaster relationship between these two mercurial leaders and the long exchange of public insults that preceded this meeting. It proves that measured discourse and cautious diplomacy have a far greater potential to yield positive results than threats and childish name-calling.

Many aspects of their agreement require clarification. Their joint statement didn't specify what "complete denuclearization" means. North Korea might dismantle its existing arsenal of nuclear weapons yet retain the ability to restart its program should its relations with the West begin to sour. It could mean that North Korea retains a peaceful nuclear-generating capacity using uranium enriched from outside sources.

Interestingly, the 2015 six-nation accord that halted Iran's nuclear program contained far more specificity and detailed inspection regimes than what Trump worked out with Kim. Yet Trump has repeatedly denounced the Iran accord as a "disaster" for having failed to deliver instant results. This accord is somehow better, he says—mainly because he's the one who negotiated it.

Trump's weak grasp of the specifics remains worrisome. One reporter asked how North Korean denuclearization would be verified through inspections. His answer was beyond vague:

"Well, it's going to be achieved by having a lot of people there. And as we develop a certain trust ... we're going to have a lot of people there, and we're going to be working with them on a lot of other things. But this is complete denuclearization of North Korea. And it will be verified."

Trump described their 437-word joint statement as a "very, very comprehensive document." It was, at best, a short list of bullet points whose details remain to be negotiated.

Trump also surprised South Korea and the Pentagon by announcing the halt of war games scheduled for August. He correctly described those games as "provocative" and "inappropriate." But what he got from Kim in exchange for the military stand-down isn't quite clear.

Kim can stand before his severely oppressed people knowing his legitimacy has been confirmed by the world's most powerful leader. Trump can return home claiming to have achieved something his predecessors couldn't. Symbolically, both emerge victors. But the Trump-Kim roller-coaster remains on its tracks. Lots of ups, downs, twists and turns are still to come.

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A return to engagement

By JOSHUA POLLACK
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The outcome of the Donald Trump-Kim Jong Un summit in Singapore brings to mind the old Army quip: "Hurry up and wait."

The urgency of holding a meeting between the top leaders of North Korea and the United States, rather than diplomatic professionals, is perhaps best explained by the personality and mind-set of our first reality TV star president. The freshly signed joint statement of this "epochal event"—not merely historic, mind you, but epochal—is roughly what could be expected to emerge from the preceding two weeks or so of working-level talks. Vague and broad, it endorses a set of "mutual confidence building" steps, ending with a promise to continue working out the details. It promises a return to diplomatic engagement, but it's not any sort of breakthrough.

Set aside whether a presidential meeting was needed to reach this point. What exactly does the joint statement say? How does it stack up against the two countries' on-again, off-again diplomatic commitments over the past quarter-century, and what does it really mean?

After the throat-clearing section at the top, the statement boils down to four points. The first is a commitment to "establish new U.S.-DPRK relations in accordance with the desire of the peoples of the two countries for peace and prosperity."

This is a vow that Washington and Pyongyang renew about every five to six years. The October 1994 Agreed Framework pledged to "move toward full normalization of political and economic relations." The Joint Communique signed at the White House in October 2000 promised to "make every effort in the future to build a new relationship free from past enmity." The September 2005 Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks concluded in Beijing contained an undertaking for the two states "to respect each other's sovereignty, exist peacefully together, and take steps to normalize their relations." The February 2012 "Leap Day Deal" contained an American undertaking "to take steps to improve our bilateral relationship in the spirit of mutual respect for sovereignty and equality."

The second point is a commitment to "join their efforts to build a lasting and stable peace regime on the Korean Peninsula."

The term "peace regime" is a familiar bit of Korea-specific diplomatese, meaning the replacement of the Korean War Armistice with something more permanent, probably in the form of an agreement between the two Koreas, the United States and China, to be endorsed in a United Nations Security Council Resolution.

The October 2000 Joint Communique discussed how to "formally end the Korean War by replacing the 1953 Armistice Agreement with permanent peace arrangements." The September 2005 Joint Statement and a subsequent February 2007 agreement proposed the separate negotiation of "a permanent peace regime on the Korean Peninsula." The same sentiment appeared in the declaration of the second summit meeting of the two Koreas, held in October 2007, which recognized "the need to end the current armistice regime and build a permanent peace regime." The "Panmunjom Declaration" issued in April after Kim met with Moon Jae-in in the third such summit called for "turning the armistice into a peace treaty, and establishing a permanent and solid peace regime."

The third point in the Trump-Kim statement finally gets to the heart of things from the U.S. perspective. It is almost a direct quote from the April meeting: "(T)he DPRK commits to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

The phrase "denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" goes all the way back to a declaration by the two Koreas signed in January 1992 and periodically reaffirmed. The September 2005 Joint Statement introduced a new twist, calling for "the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner." The Panmunjom Declaration doesn't include "verifiable," but cites "the common goal of realizing, through complete denuclearization, a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula." (Italics added.)

The current repetition of "complete denuclearization" seems to fall somewhat short of the variation lately demanded by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo: the "complete and verifiable and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

The fourth point is a commitment "to recovering POW/MIA remains, including the immediate repatriation of those already identified." Joint U.S.-North Korean searches for the remains of the Korean War dead took place between 1996 and 2005. The resumption of this practice is overdue and will certainly contribute to goodwill.

The Trump-Kim Joint Statement contains little that can be called new. It marks what statisticians call "regression toward the mean"—the tendency for extreme conditions to give way to the familiar over time. And that's good. Even if a theatrical summit meeting wasn't really needed, diplomacy is now back on track. With patience and modest expectations, progress is possible.

Mars vs Venus after dinner

By ED STEPHENS JR.
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

It's been a long time since my telescope has seen any light, so I finally hauled the thing afield so I could usher in the summer skies. OK, summer hasn't officially arrived yet. But after nearly a week of living on instant coffee and cold SpaghettiOs, I'm going to consider it here anyway since I can't hold out any longer.

On my last night at the telescope grounds I was too lazy to set up my scope. I sat in a beach chair and used bare eyeballs to watch the scene from sunset to midnight or so. I had forgotten how much fun the simple approach is. The heavens are putting on a good show right now. I'm going to mention a few highlights in case you'd like to do some stargazing. Well, let's make that "planet gazing," too.

As the sun is setting, Venus is above it and following the sun's downwards path. This is nothing remarkable. But right now, as daylight starts to fade, Venus has two companions that become visible to its lower right. One of these is the star, Pollux, and if you continue down and to the right is another star, Castor. These stars are part of the constellation Gemini. If you ever wanted to set eyes on these stars, their current proximity to Venus is an easy way to find them. The Venus-Pollux-Castor scene should be at good visibility about a half-hour to one hour after sunset.

I've mentioned Castor once or twice before. It's got quite a lot of action going on. Although we see just one point of light with our bare eyes, it's actually a cosmic six-pack of stars. They're arrayed in three pairs of duos called "binary" stars. Binary stars are gravitationally-bound to each other and orbit each other. So now you know the gossip if you get a glimpse of Castor tonight.

Well, so much for the western sky.

The real action will be in the southern sky. Three planets are passing through the area. First there's Jupiter, then Saturn, then the red-orange colored Mars. Jupiter and Mars are very bright right now.

As we face the south, the heavenly objects, including the planets, appear to transit the sky from our left to our right.

Just to dial in one point of reference, I'll note that each of these three planets will pass due south of Saipan through a window that's about 50-degrees to 60-degrees overhead tonight. Jupiter will be there at roughly 9:30pm, then Saturn at about 1am, then Mars at about 3:30am. These approximate figures should be good enough to get us in the ballpark; I claim no precision here.

Of course, no parade is complete without an interloper jumping into the procession. This parade is no exception. Our uninvited guest is the bright star Antares. It's pale red, and will pass near the window after Jupiter does and before Saturn does. Antares is a potential decoy for the unwary, but it will not be showing as bright as any of the planets I mentioned.

But just because it's acting like a decoy doesn't mean we can't appreciate it. Antares is a freakishly large star, something like 700 times the diameter of our sun. It's also called the "Heart of Scorpio," so named for its position in the Scorpio constellation. It's a good star to know about because it's easy to find and is a useful guide for finding other stellar stuff.

Of all the action in the sky right now my favorite sight has been Mars. It is strikingly bright and juicy.

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And it's a sign of the times that the weather on Mars has become a news item here on Earth. Yesterday I caught an AM radio news report that mentioned a dust storm on Mars. The dust has blotted out the sunlight necessary to power the solar panels on NASA's Opportunity rover.

I wonder if someday we'll be hearing Mars weather reports from humans who are on the scene.

These days a standard ice-breaker question goes, "If there was a mission to Mars would you volunteer to be on the crew?"

I've got no answer to that one. If, however, there was a mission to one of Jupiter's moons, the notion of orbiting that giant and colorful planet would be hard to resist.

I don't know if I'll live long enough to see such a mission launched, but my diet over the past week sure hasn't helped my odds. So I will wish you happy stargazing this weekend. Me, I'll be looking for some fresh kale and organic vegetable juice; I've got to mend my ways.

The islands at 40

When nothing seems right—after 40 years of self-government—perhaps there's a giant allergen somewhere that needs to be removed. I'm not sure that rhetorical or metaphorical antihistamine would resolve the issue altogether. But may I share some observations:

I had to probe what seems to be the missing link in the persistent ineptness among the elected elite here on major issues. Apparently, most aren't particularly certain or conversant of pertinent matters, fiduciary duties, or basic documents governing our relationship with our national government.

Don't fret in that it isn't disastrous altogether. At least there's progress as elected officials try to exit their ineptness morphing into confusion. I remain optimistic it isn't a total loss altogether. There's still suspect hope!

Since when are legislators allowed to prevent favorite business firm from regulatory agency review while others must go through to the letter? Evidently isn't this also in violation of the Hobbs Act prohibiting power peddling? The case is evolving and sublimely interested how it eventually pans out.

Obviously, there's also the dire need to learn the concept of supremacy of laws. It means we follow the most powerful laws that begin with the U.S. Constitution, federal, then local laws.

The Murkowski U.S. Senate committee hearing pointed out oversight issues that are right here at home requiring disposition with integrity. Ignorance of your fiduciary duties isn't an excuse whatsoever! Remember you took an oath to uphold the laws of the land?

Review the basic documents and stop braving brain freeze delusional view boasting what the documents said that it didn't say. Reminds me what Dr. Martin L. King said: "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." Agreed!

Time! It's all about political maturity and meeting the expectations of "we the people" in the delivery of basic public services. We're fortunate to have the oversight authority of the U.S. Congress as in the recent Lisa Murkowski hearing.

She pointed out an array of law violations and corruption among the elected elite here. Trust me. This isn't capitalism but gift-wrapped corruption!

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Evolving: In the book *Unaccountable*, the term "corruption" is redefined as crimes that have reached a certain level of sophistication.

Your decision on the 80-percent salary increase to pad your wallets came while 14,000-plus employees are stuck with poverty income. Are you panicking for feeling the hot breath of vicious public disapproval on your thin-skinned neck for taking care of No. 1 first?

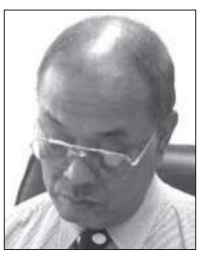
You'd be making $106,000 per year while the employee earning $24,600 gets a thousand-dollar salary hike. There's still a gap of some $30,000. Did you attempt employing what's known in economic parlance as the Pareto Improvement? Or is the concept completely foreign to you?

Herein lies the "inequality" of $30,000 big ones where lowly paid employees sigh and yawn for hopeful tomorrow. This action meets the meaning of the term corruption!

Woe! The NMI Constitution says that use of all public funds require legislative appropriations. How did Biktot Hokog miss this provision written in simple English as to brave expropriating $400,000 in taxpayers' money? Is it a case of humiliating reading deficiency?

WD40 oil: Piqued my imagination how politicos are searching for WD40 (*lañan machamat*) oil to prevent a certain phenomenon from occurring. The WD asks, "What's your Disease?" and is it really about health or suspect fear of the inevitable?

Well, the arm of the law is sufficiently long to place handcuffs on your wrists and placed in a venue to sing some sentimental melody alone!



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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Heard the focus has shifted from re-election to preventing long hibernation at DOC or some federal penitentiary between San Diego and Arizona. The shift from the sublime to the ridiculous! Hey, WD40 lasts longer than coconut oil!

Apparently, the NMI finds itself stark naked for there's nobody from the other side of the Pacific to blame for the piles of mess at home except the elected elite.

Definitely, incumbent Republicans are fatally troubled by their magical 80-percent salary increase. They're all whispers telling one another to hush or "don't loud!"

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Fiduciary: If you have clarity of understanding of your fiduciary duty why haven't any of you demanded the return of taxpayers' money expropriated by Biktot Hokog to the tune of $400,000?

Or is it a case of "don't loud" for flying together with birds of a feather? Humiliating! Imagine students of government in high schools here and NMC chuckling at your weak-kneed resolve or reading deficiency what your fiduciary duty entails.

A reminder to encourage our youth to consider service

By YOVANY RIVERO
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

On June 14, 243 years ago, the U.S. Army was born, built on the backs of soldiers who fought for freedom. For centuries, our soldiers have continued to defend our freedom.

The U.S. Army is respected all over the world because of its people. Our all-volunteer army is filled with fully qualified, trained, and educated individuals who have a desire to serve.

As station commander of the Saipan Army Recruiting Station, I see amazing young people wanting to serve our nation. But often, they don't know about the opportunities offered by the Army.

About 50 percent of today's youth admit they know little about the military. They don't know their Army will pay for education, and offers housing allowances, health care, retirement, family support and many other benefits beyond what is usually found in the private sector. If they don't understand the educational and career opportunities available to them, they won't consider service as an option.

The Army isn't for everyone; however, our youth deserve to make an informed decision about their future. They deserve to understand every path—work, technical education, community colleges, universities, and yes, the military, too—so they can find what best suits their future goals.

I challenge community leaders, educators and parents on Saipan to learn more about your Army. Get to know soldiers and veterans in your community; learn about what they do and the value of their service. I think you will be surprised with what you find.

I'm asking you to be ambassadors of our all-volunteer force. Celebrate the Army's 243rd birthday by connecting with local soldiers and veterans to learn more about what the Army has to offer our youth.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seized monies belong to the CNMI

I truly appreciate the feds for catching the ice dealers but I ask them to reconsider their request to lay claim to monies seized in the CNMI. I'm not contesting their right to ask for the money but all of that money came from some of the poorest people in the CNMI and from criminal schemes, robberies and theft against people and businesses in the CNMI.

The feds should seriously think about donating that money to help victims of ice crimes like the spouses and children of ice addicts, the Drug Court, and the social and educational support services who are fighting the ice epidemic in the CNMI.

There is also an old saying that rings true with this seized money**:** An ounce of prevention (education and support services) is worth a pound of cure (laws and jail) as jailtime does make some quit, but not all. Create jobs so people won't have to deal

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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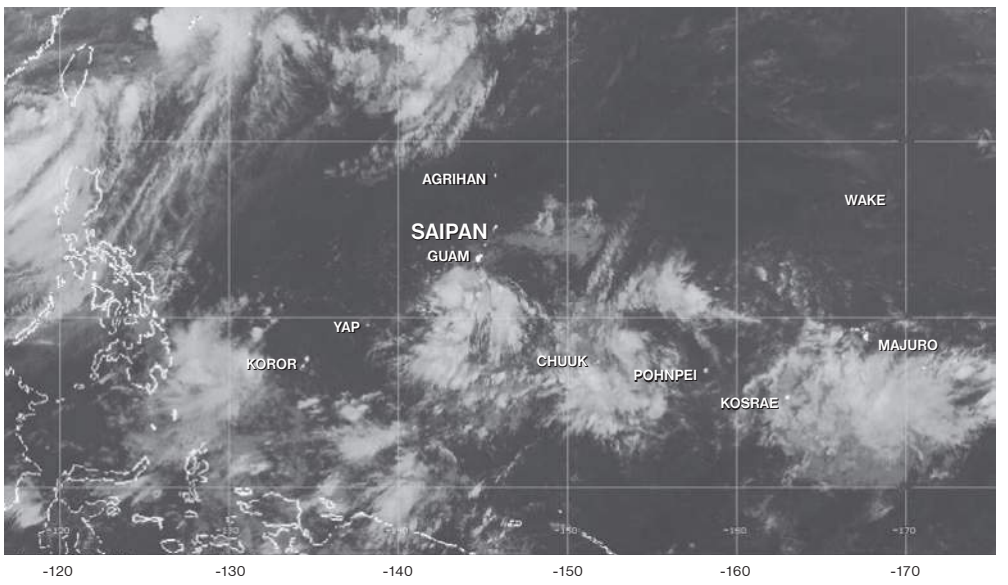

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No changes made to the forecast. A weak circulation could be found to the southeast of Guam. Models continue to show the circulation moving towards the northwest over the next few days. A few models show this weather feature becoming a surface trough at times. What ever form it takes, the models agree on keeping it weak and bringing a period of wet weather to the Marianas. Earlier forecast brought scattered showers into the Marianas this morning. Radar and satellite imagery continue to show the bulk of the rainfall to the south of the Marianas. It is still expected that this rain area will move across the local area, but not this morning.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Sunny	63° / 54°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	91° / 72°
Hong Kong	Showers	88° / 81°
Honolulu	Showers	87° / 75°
London	Mostly Sunny	72° / 54°
Los Angeles	Sunny	77° / 59°
Manila	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°
Melbourne	Showers	52° / 43°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	86° / 78°
New York	Mostly Sunny	79° / 63°
Osaka	Showers	75° / 63°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	73° / 57°
Busan	Sunny	72° / 63°
Rome	Showers	82° / 63°
Salem	Thunderstorm	86° / 71°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	62° / 54°
Seoul	Sunny	84° / 64°
Tokyo	Showers	66° / 57°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	83° / 64°

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

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2:42 AM	LOW TIDE	1.14
7:37 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.07
3:01 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.72
10:04 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.10

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	6:58 AM	8:17 PM	-
Saturday	8:01 AM	9:17 PM	-
Sunday	9:05 AM	10:13 PM	-
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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
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UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
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UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

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BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

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7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
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1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

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3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
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All about DAD

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A message for dad

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Father's Day happens this Sunday around the world. We give honor to our Tata, Daddy, Father, Tatay, Bihu, Grandfather, Lolo and celebrate how they are a big part of our lives and continue to influence us to be better.

Gabule

"To my dad, Nelson, Happy Father's Day even though you are not here on Saipan as you are in the Philippines with my brother. I really miss you so much and I hope you are doing great there. Please stay healthy as always and take care of yourself. I wish you will have happiness for a very long time and I hope to see you soon. I love you."

— **Jovi Gabule** As Lito

Norita

"To my dad, John Norita, Happy Father's Day! I want to thank you for everything that you have done for the family, especially helping my mom when she was sick. I know you are not going to be here for Sunday as you are in Guam but I wish you all the best."

— **Lora Norita** Dandan

"I am grateful for being born to my parents. My father taught me how to be the man of the house. He will always be who I strive to become as a father. Although it hurts to see him weak, his charisma at home remains the same from when I was younger. The master of unfunny dad jokes, I greet you a happy Father's Day!"

— **Charles Tan** Garapan

Gonzales

"We are blessed to have fathers because they are our first heroes, our role model, and we're doubly blessed when that paternal hero of ours provides us with that solid foundation. I speak especially because our dad who left his country and his parents to go and seek opportunities to help his parents and met our mother here was such a blessing for us. It is because of him that I am what I am as a father, emulating exactly what he did and not reinventing anything else as he truly was our refuge and sanctuary together with our mother. I believe in creating lasting memories and making time for your sons and daughters because when we leave we cannot turn back time and so we only rely on our memories and this makes us look back and say we are blessed and God is good."

— **John Oliver Gonzalez**
Chief of staff, Office of the Lt. Governor

"I want to wish my dad, a very happy Father's Day. I have a hardworking, very driven, and always loving father. He is very supportive of our family up to this day like me even as an adult, older, and have my own job and career. He still makes it a point to always prioritize us. This is something that he has done since I was a child. I am very grateful to have him as a dad and I consider myself blessed and very proud of him."

— **Alexis P. Cabrera**
Kagman 3

Cabrera

"Happy Father's Day to my Dad. When I was younger, my dad spoiled me no end with love, attention, and material things. I don't know if it was because I was the only girl or if it was because I was the closest to his heart, but it set the bar for what I expect love to be like (in the future). Although my dad and I have a complicated relationship, I would say that now, my Dad is my go-to in times when I need someone to understand me without judgment and when I need a good hearty laugh."

Molines

— **Princess Albiso** Saipan

"Happy Father's Day and happy birthday to my Tatay Nani. I hope you will continue to have good health, surrounded by people you love and who loves you back. We are blessed to have you in our lives. We love you!

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Life lessons from Dad

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Fathers take on different roles without complaint—our playmate, the clown in the house, the handyman, teammate, alliance, and refuge. Every experience may be minuscule and insignificant but dads have their unspoken ways of making the trivial momentous and life-changing.

Studies have shown that children have better mental and emotional health, self-esteem, and life satisfaction when fathers play an active role in their child's development. A father's word is the rock and his valuable lessons come wrapped in love and affection that do not take away from how effective they are—lessons that are replicated, respected, honored, and never forgotten.

Palacios

"I lost my father over five years ago and I continue to think of him and miss him dearly," said business leader Velma Palacios.

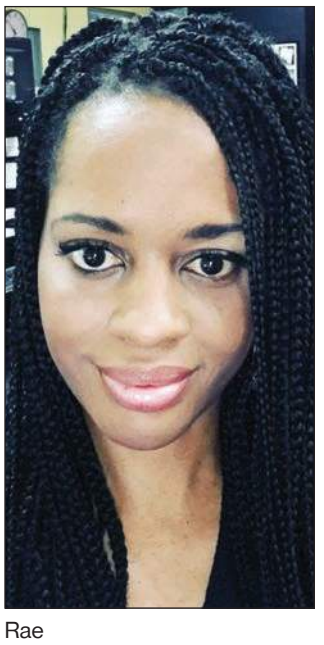
Palacios is the daughter of the late Francisco B. Palacios known as "Tik" to family and friends and remembers him as her greatest supporter.

"I would go to him for guidance and to bounce ideas, thoughts, and dreams I had. My father would listen intently as I spoke and he made me feel I could do anything. There are times we disagreed on my decisions…as there is a deafening silence but no matter what I did, he was always there for me."

"He allowed me to make mistakes in my life…I could always count on him and that's how I learned," she added.

Palacios recalls other lessons from her father—her treasure and heritage. "Growing up, my dad taught my siblings and I the value of respect. We should show respect to everyone, young or old. He taught us to be kind to everyone we meet. It doesn't matter if I did not like the person. You had to be respectful and kind. My dad was one of the most generous persons I knew. He would go out of his way to help people. He believed in the saying, when you give, it comes back to you fourfold."

"My dad believed in working hard for what you want. He had to work all his life to provide for his family. He wanted me to learn the value of hard work and reminded me that nothing will be handed to you. It is at your grasp, you just have to work at it," she added.



Rae

Palacios said her father taught her to avoid useless worrying, especially when people become critical.

"This is one important lesson I learned early on—don't worry about what people think and do what is right for you. My dad told me everyone will always have something to say, positive or negative, mostly negative about you. If you continue to worry

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Men who love being a father

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With the work and responsibility that Gov. Ralph Torres is faced with every single day, one would think that he wrestles and struggles to balance work and life. Living in the public eye can have different effects but Torres said that no matter what, family comes first.

"My schedule is very hectic everyday and my wife Diann is a big factor in reminding me to prioritize our children. She reminds me that if we do not put our children as our priority, they will grow up and I will be missing a big part of their growth and journey," he said.

"With that, I make sure that there is balance in doing my work as governor and my responsibility as a father. Time with the children is important to me so I make sure that my calendar is marked for any of their school functions. When there are government functions on the weekends, I tend to take them with me," he added.

As a father, Torres is very intentional and present in the lives of his six children—Ralph Jr., Vaniqa, Deon, Tristan, Divannie, and Ryan.

"When we go home we actually just lie down together, laugh, and hang out. I have dates with the girls, like we go out watch a movie and the boys we take them fishing, we take them to the beach or farm to just hang out. After school, I take them out to get ice cream and hang out.

"Wednesday is when our nannies take the day off and, in the evening, the whole family is together. …I am responsible for bringing the kids to school so that drive time is there, personal time with daddy. I am a hands-on dad in school functions, awards, ceremonies, games," he added.

Torres lives up his role as a father based on how his own parents raised him and his siblings.

"Growing up, [we were] a regular family. They…worked two jobs. They argued, don't get me wrong, but one thing that we never lacked was love and respect. That kind of set and laid down the foundation of all our family goals and priorities," he said.

"Our love and respect for each other will always be there and that overshadows the negative part. In the end, we sit and talk about our issues as brothers and sister. Together with my wife Diann, we instill these in our kids, no matter how young they are," he added.

Putting pressure on their children as to what they ought to be when they grow up is not part of Torres' parenting style.

"We are just simple people, we just want to see our children grow, work hard, and wish them the best in what they want to become as we encourage them during the process. I don't think Diann and I will ever tell our children what they ought to be. What we want is to encourage them to be the best in what they want to be, regardless of what occupation, because every occupation is important," he said.

"We want to enjoy the children as they grow and enjoy each other as we grow older. We are always there for our kids, teaching them the right things. …When people ask me about wealth. I tell them that monetary-wise, I am as poor as one can be, but in terms of love and respect, we have an abundance at home and I consider that we are wealthy in that aspect," he added.

Family is the reason why Jim Arenovski, president of Delta Management Corp. and Island Training Solutions, has been in business for 20 years now.

"Family is why I work so hard at my business, although at times my kids may have felt I could have been home more…Family is first but there are times and situation where business issue require my personal attention. I am fortunate to have a team at work who are experienced and trained to handle most issues," he said.

Arenovski's children are mostly on their own. His eldest daughter, Amy, graduated last December with a Business Management degree from Boise State University in Idaho and now lives in China, while Nicole will be a senior at the University of Nevada, Reno.

"My journey had a lot of turns, ups and downs. I want my kids to follow a path and have aspirations, but also understand that changing course and taking unplanned opportunities is what makes life exciting," he said.

"Perseverance is key as life is hard and being in the habit of quitting makes life even harder. Of course, when situations and people become too much, you have to make a move," he added.

Arenovski is proud of being a husband and a father. "I am most proud of my 20-plus years marriage to the love of my life, Jill, and that we have raised two wonderful young women who are making contributions of their own to our world."

McDonald's president and owner Joe C. Ayuyu loves spending time with his family.

"It's a challenge, especially with a company that is one of the largest in the Marianas, so it's been very difficult but when I have the chance I really take it… From time to time, we go on vacations and that's my way of spending time with the children. That time is strictly being with them and not mixing with business," he said

"I fly back and forth from Saipan to Guam and despite the fact that I am very busy, I do try my very best to spend time with my youngest daughter, Maria. She's 15 and the only one living with us and my two granddaughters. I am supposed to fly back to Guam today but I said to myself the weekend is coming so I will just spend time with the children," he added.

When a business matter and family matter compete for Ayuyu's attention, the latter is the priority.

"Family is always important as we need to take care of issues in the family. A lot of family issues are not difficult to take care of so I prioritize that way. After that is settled,

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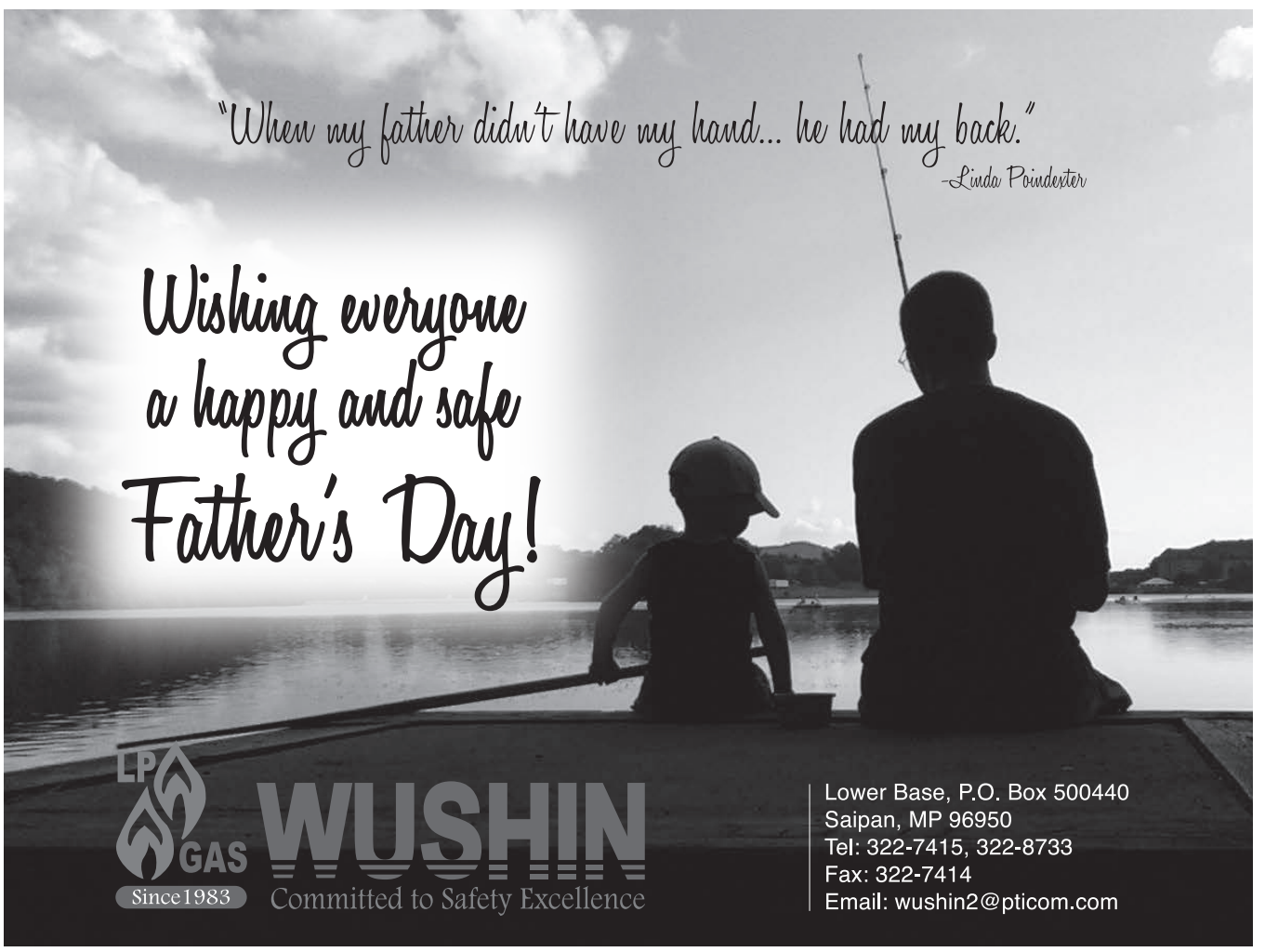

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the business comes second. A long time ago, when I started my career in business, I made it a priority but, as you become older, you start to realize that family comes first," he said.

"But being focused on the business doesn't mean one wants to make a lot of money. A lot of it has to do with responsibility. Having up to 450 employees altogether is a big responsibility because these employees have been working a long time and they all depend on me for their livelihood. Some business people would take it to the extreme but I try to balance that because I also have to take care of my family."

Ayuyu's No. 1 goal for his children is a good education.

"Just like other parents, we want our children to finish high school and, at the minimum, finish college, because nowadays when you don't have a college degree it is difficult to grow in your chosen profession…I am the first one in my family to graduate from college so I see the importance of it," he said.

"I am grateful to my children for following my recommendation, to stay away from trouble and now help with the business," he added.

If there is an important life lesson Ayuyu wants to impart to his children, that would be to become good people.

"I want them to be nice to other people, to be humble, especially since my children are working in the business. People know you, so you don't have to show off. I came from a poor family but it just shows it doesn't matter where you come from, as long as you have the determination," he said.

"I always tell my children that the community made me successful. That means when I am successful, I have to go back to the community and help them out. You can see that with my children, like my son Joe is not only running the business, but is also the chairman of the Liberation Day committee…and this is the kind of stuff I teach my children: Be involved with the community because the community needs you," he added.

For Ayuyu, building his company with his children is the legacy he wants to fulfill.

"I am building a business that can support their life in the future and if they want to join me in this journey with the business into the future, they are more than welcome to join me. Most of them are with me except one who is in the mainland, but they like the trip that I am making in terms of getting them involved in the business," he said.

"With that, I am a happy camper and if I were to say one concern, I have to watch myself because I am very demanding and I just hope that I don't burn out my children. …I try to make it fun for them…and my hope is that they continue the good work that they do and nurture the business that we work hard to build together as a family," he added.

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about what everyone thinks or says, you will never get anywhere. I am grateful for how my dad has influenced my life to make me the person I am today. Wish he was here every day," she added.

Ashley Beck from Papago recalls being the most important person in her father's life.

"My early memories are illuminated by his unwavering love and attention. He transformed even our most simple pastimes—riding bikes, making dinners, playing games—into joy-filled adventures. I can't imagine that anyone could feel more loved or important than I did when I spent my childhood summers with my dad," she said.

"His love provided me with a foundational sense of self-worth that I have been able to build my adult life upon. My father taught me what I believe is one of the greatest lessons that any adult can teach a child. It is vital for our children to learn that they

Beck

are valued, that they are supported and that they can succeed," she added.

Department of Public Safety public information officer Jackie Rae said her father's words lives on and key to pushing her to be the best she can be.

"My dad passed away on Dec. 15, 2015. Just 10 days before his birthday, he was a Christmas baby. Ironically, I feel I hear him even more now because he always gave the best advice. The one speech I remember most is, 'always walk in faith, make wise decisions, but never be afraid of failure. Failure is a part of success—learn from it and use it to your advantage.'"

"…I am somewhat a control freak because sometimes I feel like beating myself up for not achieving what I see as success. But whenever I feel down, I hear his voice saying, 'God usually laughs at our plans, so keep the faith and trust the journey.' His advice keeps me going and motivates me to work hard, no matter where the journey takes me," she added.

Singh

Businessman Yogi Singh does not only remember his father's words, he is living it.

"My dad, Taji Singh, is not with us anymore but he lives on amongst us. Taji was not a very educated man as he was a sixth-grade dropout but he was smart. He could do anything. He was a lumberjack, a farmer, a carpenter, a mason, a furniture maker, a glasscutter and more. He could anything and he did it well," he said.

"He understood the value of education and made sure his kids were educated. The biggest life lessons he taught us were hard work always pays, be kind, help everyone, smile even when you're down and, most importantly, whatever you do, do it well, do it with your heart. He always used to say, Good, better, best. Never rest until good is better, better is best," he added.

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Helping dad get a handle on his health

By ARMIN BROTT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

June is Men's Health Month and is the perfect opportunity to highlight the massive public health crisis that too many of us aren't aware of: On average, men die five years younger than women, and die at higher rates of nine of the top 10 causes of death. Men account for over 90 percent of workplace injuries and fatalities, are far less likely than women to be insured, and are half as likely to see a doctor for preventive care. All of this impacts their ability to be involved fathers, supportive partners, and engaged community members.

There are quite a few things you can do to help your dad—and even more that all of us can do to help other men. Let's start with dad:

Appeal to his provider-protector. Over the years, I've found that the biggest reason men disregard their own health is that they're too busy taking care of everyone else. What they don't realize, however, is that if they die early, they'll be hurting the very people they've worked so hard to protect. So remind him that you and your mom love him and need him to be alive and healthy for as long as possible.

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Encourage him to get a physical. Most of the factors that contribute to men's shorter, less-healthy lives are preventable. And that prevention starts with seeing a healthcare provider on a regular basis. Establishing baseline for factors such as blood pressure, cholesterol, weight, and PSA (a screening test for prostate cancer risk)—and monitoring how they change over time—will enable the provider to catch potentially dangerous conditions early, when they're still treatable. You can download a helpful chart of recommended screenings at http://getitchecked.com.

Pay attention to the basics. Rather than simply telling your dad to exercise, eat right, and manage his stress and then hoping that he will, do it with him. Take him out for walks and make sure the fridge is well-stocked with healthy foods. Simple, yes, but not easy.

Now, here are a few ideas for what the rest of us can do:

Wear blue. In 1994, Congress passed a bill declaring the week before Father's Day as Men's Health Week (this year, it's June 11-17). Encourage everyone you know to wear something blue that week, take pictures of each other, and show your support by posting them to social media with #ShowUsYourBlue.

Get inspired. Men's Health Network (the DC-based nonprofit that helped pass Men's Health Week, and that I've worked closely with for more than 20 years) has collected more than 300 proclamations from governors, mayors, and Native American communities recognizing Men's Health Month (and Week) and the important part that fathers play as role models for their children, and how much better off kids are when they have an actively involved dad in their life. See them at http://www.menshealthmonth.org. And learn more at http://www.menshealthnetwork.org

My father, who's in his mid-40s, barely exercises, eats horribly, and is an over-stressed workaholic. I'm afraid he's going to die. What can my mom and I do to get him to take better care of himself?

Get involved. Did you know that under the Affordable Care Act, women and girls can receive an annual well-woman visit as well as screenings for mental health issues and STDs—all for free? Amazingly, none of those services are available to men or boys. I encourage everyone to write to their congressperson and senators and urge them to end this glaring gender discrimination. Denying men and boys the same protections that are available to women and girls is, quite simply, killing people.

Gift ideas for Dad, Mom, and the grads

By JIM ROSSMAN
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

May and June bring several gift-giving days in fairly quick succession: Mother's Day, Father's Day and high school and college graduations.

I've been accumulating smaller gadgets that I think would make great gifts, especially for people who fall into the "hard to buy for" category.

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The Belkin Valet ($129.99, belkin.com) is a compact charging dock with a lightning connector for your iPhone and a built-in Apple Watch charger.

BELKIN VALET CHARGE DOCK

If you're like me, you have an Apple Watch and an iPhone. Both devices get put on a charger on my nightstand right before I go to sleep each night.

I tend to go through a lot of different charging solutions, and because space on my nightstand is at a premium, anytime I can find a charger that will save some space, I'll give it a go.

The Belkin Valet ($129.99, belkin.com) is a compact charging dock with a lightning connector for your iPhone and a built-in Apple Watch charger.

The Apple Watch charger I had been using required me to provide a watch charging cable. The Belkin Valet has the magnetic watch charger included.

The Valet can charge any iPhone with a Lightning port, from the iPhone 5 up to the iPhone X. The Lightning connector raises and lowers with a thumb wheel so you can make the proper connection if your phone is in a case. The adjustment was easy and only needs to happen the first time you set it up.

Since both charging connectors are built-in, one wall plug will charge both devices.

The base measures 5.28 by 3.47 inches, and it's solid enough that it doesn't slide around when you dock or remove your phone or watch. The Valet comes in black, rose gold or silver.

IOTTIE ION WIRELESS PLUS

I haven't known about iOttie products for all that long, but everything I've tried from this company has been outstanding.

The iON Wireless Plus Fast Charging Pad ($54.95, iottie.com) is unlike any Qi wireless charger I've seen. Instead of a round disk that looks like a drink coaster, the iON Wireless Plus is an elevated charger covered in a nice tweedy fabric in tan, gray or red.

The design of the charger is to help with heat dissipation.

The charging pad connects to power with an included USB-C cable and wall charger. It can provide 10 watts for Android phones and 7.5 watts for iPhones, which is as fast as they can charge. Around back you'll also find a traditional USB port so you can plug in any other device that can charge via USB power—very handy.

The iON Wireless Plus is definitely the classiest wireless charger I've tried. It would look at home on your nightstand, kitchen counter or an executive desk.

VAVA USB-C HUB ADAPTER

I'll admit I wasn't too happy when Apple eliminated ports on its new laptops in favor of USB-C connectors that require dongles for connecting almost any peripheral.

But Apple is not alone. The last few Dell PCs I've used also have USB-C, so I guess dongles will be a part of life going forward.

While some dongles only provide one type of port, there are hubs that combine almost all the ports you might need into one neat package.

The Vava USB-C Hub Adapter ($64.99, amazon.com) provides three USB ports, 4K HDMI, gigabit Ethernet, an SD card reader, a microSD card reader and a USB-C port to connect your power supply.

All of these ports connect to your computer through one USB-C port.

The power pass-through can provide up to 100 watts to keep your laptop charged up and provide enough power for all your connected peripherals.

Toss one of these in your laptop bag, and you'll be good.

The hub measures 7.24 by 2.05 by 0.63 inches, but the length is deceiving because more than half the length is the connecting cable. The hub is actually about the size of a business card.

Keep this hub plugged in between your laptop and the power supply, and you'll be ready for all your peripherals.

Finally, the go-to gift

If you're really stuck for a gift idea for that "hard to buy for" person, my go-to gift would be a 10-foot charging cable for whatever type of phone they use.

I like the Anker PowerLine charging cables. Anker has cables in every size and style. They'll cost between $10 and $20, and they're all available from Amazon. They're available for iPhones (Lightning) and Android (microUSB or USB-C).

I'm willing to bet your that gift recipient doesn't own a 10-foot charging cable, but I can tell you the cable comes in handy when you'd like to charge your phone or tablet and use it while you're sitting on the couch.

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10 ways to become a better dad

By ARMIN BROTT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Dear Mr. Dad: I'm about to become a dad for the first time. My dad died when I was young, so I didn't have a good role model. How can I be the best father for my new baby?

A: You already took the first step—asking for advice. Here are ten more.

Be active. If you don't take the initiative, you'll never be able to assume the child-rearing responsibilities you really want and your children deserve.

Practice. Don't assume that your partner magically knows more than you do. Whatever she knows about raising kids, she learned on the job. And the way you're going to get better is by doing things, too. Never miss an opportunity to change a diaper or sooth your crying baby. Every interaction—especially the most mundane ones—will make you a better dad.

Take pride in being a dad. Men and women have different ways of interacting with their children. Men tend to stress physical and high-energy activities; women, more social and emotional ones. But don't let anyone tell you that safely wrestling, bouncing on the bed, or other "guy things" are in any way less important as the "girl things" your partner may do (or want you to do). The rough-and-tumble of father play also teaches valuable lessons about empathy and regulating emotions. Babies with physically active dads do achieve physical and cognitive milestones better, are more social, and better problem solvers.

Be emotionally available. Physical interaction is undoubtedly an important part of the father-child relationship, but being emotionally available and involved is critical, too. As John Gottman, author of The Heart of Parenting suggests, "Men must allow themselves to be aware of their feelings so they can empathize with their children. Then they must take whatever steps necessary to make themselves available to their kids."

Be a partner, not a helper. I talked about this a few weeks ago with regard to women needing to stop asking for help. If you want to be a truly involved dad, you need to see what you do in the home and with your children as fathering not helping.

Be available more than on weekends. To be an effective father, get involved in the day-to-day decisions that affect your kids. Leaving everything to your partner means that you'll miss out on the little things that give meaning to a child's life.

Respect your partner. Being an involved father means recognizing all the ways your partner keeps the family running, and respecting the decisions she makes when you're unavailable. Develop a system to plan family activities together, and as the kids grow, get them involved in the planning as well.

Always communicate. If you don't like the way things are, let your partner know. If she seems reluctant to share the role of child nurturer with you, don't take it personally. Show her that you're serious about wanting to be an equal participant and that you're doing everything you can to build your competence.

Know your rights. Have you checked with your HR department at work? Does your employer have any type of parenting leave programs? Are you covered by the federal program? A state or local one?

Stay involved after separation or divorce. The majority of fathers don't get shared or joint custody of their children after their relationship with their child's mother ends, and too many of them slowly fade out of their children's lives. But even after a breakup, there are many ways dads can remain actively involved. The most critical is to stay in touch—in person or by phone or email. Make the time you spend with your kids meaningful, but don't try to buy their love. And never, ever badmouth your ex in front of the kids.

Wishing all the fathers a wonderful and blessed Father's Day and always.
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These dad jokes will make him cringe, but he'll like the wines

By MICHAEL AUSTIN
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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Wines for Father's Day photographed in the Chicago Tribune studio on Monday, June 4, 2018. Food styling by Shannon Kinsella.

You want to make a dad happy on Father's Day? Give him a few gift options, but not too many, and make them easy for him to enjoy. Keep bringing them to him, steadily, reliably. Don't ask him what he wants—just deliver the things you think he will love, the wines you think he will love, and deliver them with a steady flow of dad jokes.

You could start by reminding him of the time that you innocently asked, "Dad, can you put my shoes on?" and he said, "I don't think they'd fit me." The two of you must share some kind of corny exchange like that. Because ... he's your dad. Now is the time to revisit some of the old puns and trot out a few new ones too. Show him that you were paying attention all those years ago. Show him that you remember the attention he paid to you and that you now see it all in a different way. You understand now.

Since it is Father's Day, you could tell him about the dog that limped into the Old West saloon and said, "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw." After that, break out the gifts. Tell him you got him a "Ferrari," and when he asks for the keys, say that he won't be driving tonight because he's drinking. Then, hand him a bottle of Ferrari Brut ($19), a traditional method sparkling wine from Italy that is full of lime, apple and toasty bread crust. It's a refreshing way to kick off a steady flow of stale jokes.

Serve the next wine to him in a coffee cup, and say, "Here's a nice cup of joe for you." If he says he's not ready for coffee yet, show him the can of Joe to Go Oregon Pinot Gris or Joe to Go Oregon Rose Wine (each $7/375 milliliters) from Wine by Joe Dobbes. Invite your dad to smell and taste the pinot gris' stone and tropical fruits, plus anise and minerality, or the rose's notes of peach, watermelon rind, strawberry and tangy citrus—and then inform him that no nose can grow to be 12 inches long because it would then be a foot. Revenge is sweet.

Make sure, around this point, to offer your dad a glass of water. Tell him what made you think of it is that you noticed yourself becoming a pony—that is, "a little horse"—and you didn't want him to go that way too. No sir, not on Father's Day.

If you want to go full-on Carrot Top and incorporate some props for your pops, tape a few kernels of corn to the label of a 2014 Cobb Wines Emmaline Ann Vineyard Pinot Noir ($75/750 milliliters, $160/1.5-liter magnum) from the Sonoma Coast, and offer him some "corn on the Cobb." It's a splurge, pricewise, but come on—we do it for the jokes. Plus it's a really nice wine, with cherry, herbs, ripe raspberry, forest floor, cedar and white pepper. It is elegant and complex, just like your dad, despite his sense of humor.

You're on fire at this point. Let your dad know that when you bought this next wine, the cashier asked if you wanted it in a bag, and you said "No, you can just leave it in the bottle." Tell him it's "a steal" and then reveal the bottle of 2015 Steele Persona Non Grata Lake County Red Wine ($16), a blend of mostly merlot, syrah and zinfandel that offers plum and other dark fruits, coffee, cigar box, tobacco, a streak of cranberry and rich dark chocolate. If you become persona non grata yourself, it won't be for this wine; it'll be for the jokes. But don't let that scare you. Keep 'em coming.

The next bottle will take things to "new heights," and you should tell your dad exactly that, as you show him the label of a 2013 Heitz Wine Cellars Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon ($54), made with 100 percent cab that offers lush blackberry, bright blueberry, pine needles, nutmeg and other spices in its lingering finish.

If your dad wants to complain about government corruption, or the disintegrating society, or even something more personal, such as how there is only one day a year when dear old dad gets any attention, make sure to smile and lend an ear like a good daughter or son. Reassure him that you're here now, and you will be his sounding board, and as far as you're concerned, he can wine all night.

Finally, approach him from his right side and tell him you're about to deliver some "port from starboard." (My dad would have particularly loved that one.) Proceed to pour him a few ounces of Cockburn's Special Reserve Porto ($18), which won't set you back the way a vintage port would but will still provide satisfying sweet notes of cherry and chocolate wrapped in cedar and subtle waves of eucalyptus. If you don't finish the bottle that night, push the cork back in, and it will still be good for six weeks, which means your dad can enjoy it on his own, or he can invite you back for a few more nips and puns.

Did you ever think you could have this much fun with a newspaper? Hey, speaking of which, do you wanna hear a joke about "paper"? On second thought, I better not ... a lot of these jokes were bad, but the one I know about paper is tear-able.

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Elite hoopers reflect on their fathers' impact on their careers

By JASON JORDAN
USA TODAY

From Steph Curry's father, Dell, teaching Steph to drain unreal three-balls the way Dell did when he starred in the NBA to Karl Towns Jr.'s father, Karl Sr., draining his savings to construct a basketball court for Karl Jr., dads have had an extensive history of directly impacting their sons' on-court successes.

In honor of Father's Day we caught up with a handful of elite players and had them share what they feel was the greatest impact their fathers have had on their basketball careers.

Trae Young, Oklahoma, PG, 2017
The greatest impact my dad has had on my hoops career was ... "Just keeping me humble and keeping me working no matter what accolades I've received. He's always pushed me to levels that not a lot of kids are pushed to. If it wasn't for my dad I wouldn't be here so I can't thank him enough."

Ja'Quaye James, Teaneck (Teaneck, N.J.), PG, 2018
The greatest impact my dad has had on my hoops career was ... "Teaching me to approach basketball like it's a business. Once I set my mind that this is what I wanted to do professionally, he said that I had to take a business-like approach to it at all times. That keeps me grinding and keeps me motivated. I appreciate that lesson."

Ashton Hagans, Oak Hill Academy (Mouth of Wilson, Va.), PG, 2019
The greatest impact my dad has had on my hoops career was ... "Teaching me that if he's on me hard it's because he doesn't want me to follow the wrong footsteps. He always says to stay in the gym and keep working and not to let others get in my ear. He teaches me to be great. I appreciate that."

Gary Trent Jr., Duke, SG, 2017
The greatest impact my dad has had on my hoops career wa s... "Preaching and harping about the importance of hard work in anything I do; whether it was in the classroom or on the basketball court, always put 110 percent into it whatever you have your mind set to do."

Wendell Carter Jr., Duke, F, 2017
The greatest impact my dad has had on my hoops career was... "Motivating me. I remember the days we played one-on-one in the driveway and he used to punish me! Bump me, hit me, force me left, talk trash... I didn't know what his point was in doing that when I was younger but now I realize that he meant no harm and was just trying to prepare me for the next levels. I really do appreciate my dad."

Trevon Duval, Duke, PG, 2017
The greatest impact my dad has had on my hoops career was ... "Everything. My dad is the reason I play basketball; he taught me everything I know on the court and he wasn't just a great trainer he was also a great parent for me throughout my basketball career."

Father's Day rules of engagement

By JANN BLACKSTONE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q. My husband and his ex share the kids equally. She will not cooperate and tries to upset our family at every turn. I get along great with the kids, and for the past three years I have taken them out to buy Father's Day presents for their dad. This year without asking me, his ex bought my husband a present from the kids—a Giants baseball hat—he's a Giants' fan. He loved it, but I forbid him to wear it because I know who really bought it. It wasn't the kids. Am I being petty? What's good ex-etiquette?

A. Yes, you're being petty—and if you have to "forbid" your husband to do anything, you have a bigger problem than his children's mother buying him a present for Father's Day.

Know this: You married a man with kids and an ex-wife. If she doesn't cooperate, being petty and vindictive will do little to defuse the conflicts you'll face. Plus, the kids are watching. Your actions are not teaching them to look for solutions when facing conflict. Your actions are teaching them to perpetuate conflict. That breaks all ten rules of good ex-etiquette for parents, starting with Ex-etiquette for Parents rule No. 1, "Put the children first." You are not.

The responsibility of buying presents "from the kids" usually falls to the bioparent unless the responsibility is relinquished to someone else—which it sounds like it was since you have been doing it for the last three years. The problem seems to be that precedent was set, and when the kids' mom changed her mind without consulting anyone, it upset your tradition and diminished your importance. It's understandable that you're upset. It still doesn't let you off the hook. Ex-etiquette for Parents rule No. 4, "Bioparents make the rules, bonusparents uphold them." Granted, mom made changes without consulting anyone, and that was bad ex-etiquette, as well.

A better way to approach this would have been for the parent figures to talk to each other. Yes, you and mom. Normally, I'd say mom and dad, but the present was a surprise for dad, and you're in the mix now. Since you live with the kids, your behavior influences them. Therefore, you and mom should be talking to each other. You don't have to go shopping together, but you should be able to simply touch base in the best interest of the kids in both your care.

Mom could have said something like, "You know the kids' dad and I got along so poorly after our break-up that I couldn't even take them out to buy him a present. Thank goodness, things have improved, and I'm grateful you filled in over the last few years, but this year I'd like to help the kids buy a little something for their dad for Father's Day."

Your natural inclination might be, "No way, lady. That's what WE do," but don't say it. Ex-etiquette for Parents rule No. 5 is, "Don't be spiteful." Every family needs a hero, especially bonus families. In your family, it can be you.

Happy Father's Day!

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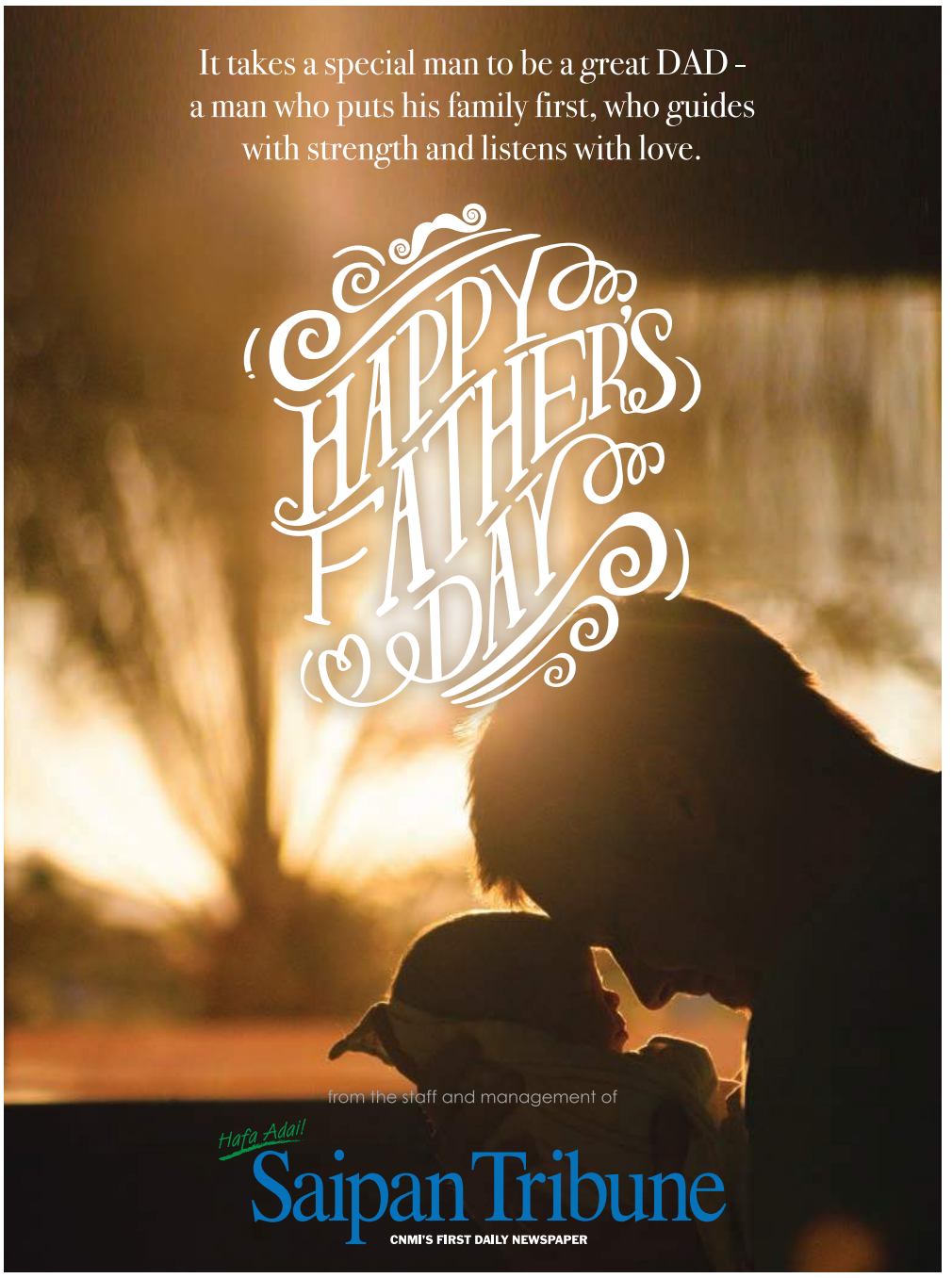
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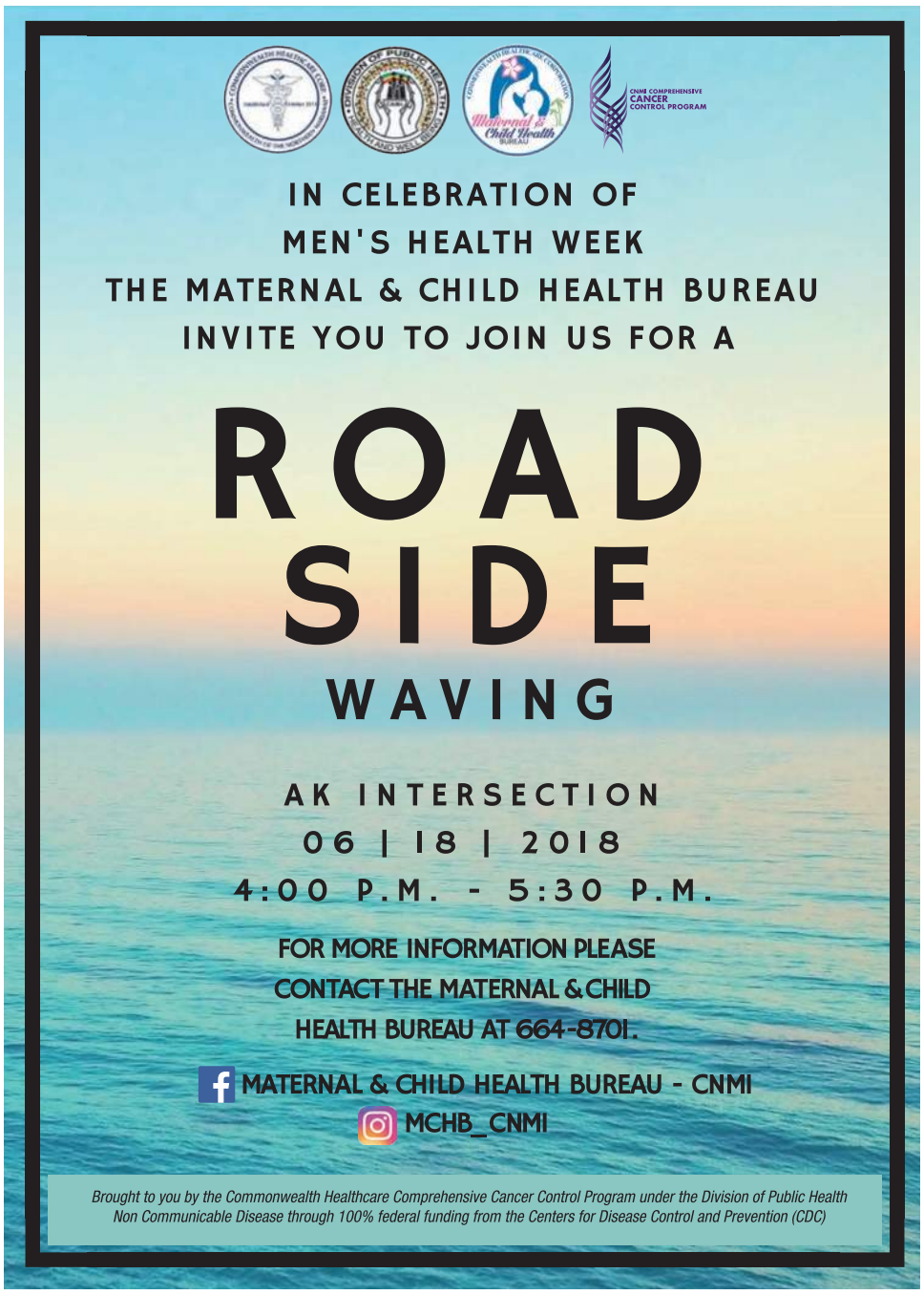
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What to do on Father's Day

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It's Father's Day on Sunday and it is time to celebrate the most important man in your life, your Dad.

He may also be your best friend, coach, or boss but, on Father's Day, he also deserves to be called king and be treated as one. Here are some treats and promos that will help you do that.

Have a date at **Isla Café** at **Kanoa Resort** and enjoy their Father's Day Lunch Buffet on Sunday, June 17, from 11am to 2pm. Great prizes await the hole-in-one contest players. Enjoy every bite for only $35 for adults and $15 for children (4 to 11). Twenty percent discount applies to guests with valid CNMI ID. For reservations, call 234-6601 Ext. 742/743 today.

From June 15 to 17, **Chairman M** has a special offer called the Big Boy treat available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for lunch and dinner. Dining dads will receive a Cuban cigar as a complimentary gift and enjoy a glass of single malt whiskey. Fathers get to choose from three menus: Menu 1 is $50 per person and includes free flowing beer, sodas, juices and a bottle of complimentary wine; Menu 2 costs $68 per person and includes free-flowing beer, sodas, juices and a bottle of complimentary sparkling wine; Menu 3 costs $88 per person and includes complimentary free-flowing beer, sodas, juices and a bottle of complimentary sparkling wine. For reservations, call 2377817.

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Show Dad how special he is by treating him to Father's Day brunch at the **Costa Terrace at Aqua Resort Club Saipan.** A delicious buffet awaits families that include free-flowing Budweiser and sparkling wine and a photo booth to collect memories. Only $40 for adults, $20 for children and local resident rates apply. After brunch comes dinner and have it at **Kevin's The Prime Rib & Seafood** on Sunday, June 17. Every father who orders a Kevin's Cut will be upgraded to a Golden Alex Wrap Cut, their thickest, juiciest, bone-in 14 oz. cut and get bottomless Budweiser and Bud Light for free. For reservations, call 322-1234

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Mariana Resort & Spa will celebrate dads by offering them a chance to relax and unwind. For the whole month of June, lunch and spa will go for $24 per person; golf and spa will go for $38 per person; golf and lunch will go for $38 per person; golf, lunch and spa will go for $50 per person; and deep Swedish massage will go for $100 for a group of four or $30 per person. For reservations, call 322-0770.

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As we celebrate this day when we honor our fathers, let us not just honor them for being our role models, but also honor the sacrifices they have continuously made to always be there for us when we need a shoulder to cry on or to lend a helping hand.

This Sunday is a reminder for us all that what makes a man is not the ability to make a child. Rather it is the ability to raise one and to see them grow to be healthy, happy, and loving people. We honor the men who balance their professional careers and family time to serve as inspirations to their children and the women they love.

On behalf of First Lady Diann, Villia, and our families, we wish the superheroes in our community a

Happy Father's Day!

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Millennial dads expect to share parenting

By CINDY KRISCHER GOODMAN
MIAMI HERALD

The first thing Shawn McAskill does when he arrives at his Pompano Beach, Fla., home after an hour's commute from Miami is take a deep breath and prepare for the chaos about to ensue. A 29-year-old father of two young boys and the family's sole income earner, McAskill says it's expected that he will help his wife with dinner, bath time and getting his sons to bed. "I don't have a chance to blow off steam because when I get home, I'm still on the clock," he says.

Today's young fathers want and expect to equally share the job of caring for their children and earning a living, more so than the generations before them. But whether they actually are pulling off that balancing act, and are satisfied with their career and home lives, may depend on how much their partners earn.

A report released shortly before Father's Day shows that only 30 percent of fathers ages 18 to 34 share caregiving equally with their spouse or significant other—even though the majority of men said they want to be equal partners and engaged dads. (The study did not ask fathers about their sexual orientation.) Millennial dads like McAskill who are in the traditional breadwinner role, and those whose spouses or partners earn half or more of the household income, are comfortable with the caregiving split and have relatively high levels of satisfaction, according to the report.

However, those fathers who were "conflicted" about their roles at home and are least satisfied with their lives had wives who earned 30 to 50 percent of the household income (with an average of 36.2 percent). "These dads are stuck in the middle. Their wife earns a significant amount of the family income, but they earn more than she does and feel if anyone should make compromises, it should be her," says Brad Harrington, co-author of the report "The New Millennial Dad: Understanding the Paradox of Today's Father." These also are the fathers who are struggling most with what comes first: their job or their family. "Their desire is to be equal partners in caregiving, yet they may also feel pressure to earn greater income and ensure their job security in the workplace."

Harrington says millennial dads who fall into this conflicted category—about one-third of fathers in the survey—have highly educated wives with career potential, and the men struggle most with outdated workplace views of a father's role at home and workplaces that have become more demanding.

Harrington, who is executive director of the Boston College Center for Work & Family, says his survey of 1,100 working professionals, 330 of them parents, reveals that not all young fathers face the same level of conflict or stress when it comes to career-life challenges. But most encounter some conflict in trying to be engaged fathers while wanting to advance at work, he says. Harrington also found it revealing that today's young fathers are less willing to pursue career success at a significant personal or family cost than their single counterparts.

"Young fathers are less willing to relocate for a job, less interested in international assignments, less interested in advancement—if it means less time with their kids. They made that loud and clear," he says. "There is a tendency for women to make trade-offs for family, but now we see that young men are not going to compromise time with their families to advance." Harrington also notes that young fathers are more likely than their female counterparts to say they are expected to work 50 hours or more, be available 24/7 and leave their personal issues outside the workplace: "We see that young men are caught in the trap of wanting to have it all and starting to realize how difficult that can be."

McAskill, a digital marketing executive and blogger with Travelingdad.com, suggests that work-life balance is difficult for millennial dads because the pressure to be a super-involved parent is fierce. Although McAskill's stay-at-home wife does about 80 percent of the caregiving, he would like both the household earnings and care-giving to be shared equally, he says. "The financial stressors of being the sole earner is an extreme wear on any relationship, and couple that with the expectations of sharing the care-giving ... It's hard to manage that. I would feel more comfortable with 50-50 in earnings and home life." McAskill, father to Xander, 7, and Ethan, 4, says he has had to learn to value his family time and set work boundaries: "If it's not between 8 a.m. and 6:30, it has to wait until tomorrow."

It may be hard to believe, but millennials, portrayed as being immature and entitled, are more involved with their children as fathers than any generation before them. They are not rushing into parenthood, but when these men get there, they are planning play dates, shuttling their children to sports practice, supervising homework, using their smartphones to look up parenting information and post their "cute baby" photos on social media.

As reported by Time Magazine, millennial parents number more than 22 million in the U.S., with about 9,000 babies born to them each day. Victor Franco, 33, for one, is by every measure an engaged father. He is the room parent for his 3-year-old daughter's pre-school, a role traditionally held by mothers. A third-grade Miami-area public school teacher, he earns more than his wife, who is in banking. And yet, he says he wants to be an involved parent. By the time his wife arrives home, Franco has picked up, fed and bathed his daughter, Valentina. Based on his wife's earnings, Franco would be expected to fall into the "conflicted" category of fathers. However, Franco says he feels satisfied with his home life and that he is anything but conflicted: "With new age parents, I think who does more caregiving is about who works more hours and who has more flexibility than who makes more money."

Research shows that millennial women want spouses who think like Franco: 91 percent of millennial women told Pew Research in a 2011 study of millennials' attitudes toward marriage that a "very important" quality in a good husband is being a good father. Almost as many women said a good husband is someone who will "put his family before anything else." Only about a third said a good husband "provides a good income." Franco says such is the case with his wife: "She told me one of the things she was looking for was someone who would be there for the children, not someone who makes more money." It is that thinking that weighs on millennial dads, he says. "I do the best I can."

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	Every 2 yrs		✓	
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TB Test Men need to have a TB skin test to check for tuberculosis if they are exposed to the disease or have symptoms.	Every 5 yrs	✓	✓	✓
Blood Tests, Urinalysis Basic blood tests that include cholesterol and blood sugar levels are important so that you can take action to prevent chronic diseases such as a heart disease and diabetes.	Every 3 yrs	✓		
	Every 2 yrs		✓	
	Every yr			✓
EKG An electrocardiogram can screen for heart abnormalities. Men should have a baseline EKG.	Baseline	Age 30		
	Every 2 yrs		✓	
	Every yr			✓
Tetanus Shot Men need to get a tetanus shot. Tetanus is a serious disease cause by the toxin produced by the bacterium Clostridium tetani. It can lead to pain muscle contractions, especially in the jaw and neck and is often called "lockjaw"	Every 10 yrs	✓	✓	✓
Rectal Exam A rectal exam checks for hemorrhoids and colon and prostate cancer.	Every yr	✓	✓	✓

Check up & Screenings	When?	20 to 39	40 to 49	50+
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	Every 2 yrs		✓	
	Every yr			✓
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Chest Xrays Smokers	Discuss with physicans			
Self-Exams Men should also give themselves self-exams. They should examine testicles for lumps, skin for suspicious moles, mouth for cancerous lesions, and even their breast for lumps.	Monthly Self Exam	✓	✓	✓
Bone Health Men should talk with their physician about when to get a bone mineral density test.	Discuss with physicans	Age 60		
Testosterone Screening Men their testosterone levels with a simple blood test if they suffer from fatigue, low sex drive, or depression.	Discuss with physicans		✓	✓
STDs Adults who are sexually active and think they may be at risk for STDs should be tested.	Under physicans supervision	✓	✓	✓

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ADDENDUM NO. 1
June 12, 2018

DPW-18-IFB-015; Proposed Toilet Facilities for Rota Various Location

- General: the following revisions, additions, corrections, and/or clarifications to the specification and drawings shall apply to the work affected thereby. Careful note of this Addendum shall be taken by the bidder/contractor, and all trades affected shall be fully advised of the information contain herein. In the event of a conflict between drawings, specifications and this Addendum, the contents of this Addendum shall govern. All further conflict in the work resulting from, or caused by, the contents of this Addendum must be brought to the attention of the Contracting Officer for resolution. Failure to acknowledge this bid Addendum in accordance with instructions may subject your Proposal to rejection on the affected item(s)/service(s).

- Due to non-submission of bids for DPW-18-IFB-015-Proposed Toilet Facilities for Rota Various Location, the Secretary of Public works and the Director of Procurement and Supply wishes to extend the IFB submission date for another two (2) weeks.

- Therefore, this addendum is to **EXTEND** the bid opening from June 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to June 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

All other requirements of the Invitation to Bid the project package shall remain as stated.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Faith, Hope and
KARIDAT

Program Evaluation for Karidat's "Comprehensive Services for Victims of All Forms of Human Trafficking Program" Grant #2017-VT-BX-K025

General Information

This request for Proposal (RFP) from Karidat is to contract with an experienced Program Evaluator for the period of 07/01/2018 to 09/30/2020 to conduct a Program Evaluation of Karidat's Comprehensive Services to Victims of all Forms of Human Trafficking Program.

The primary goal of the evaluation is to determine the effectiveness of Karidat's Comprehensive Services for victims of all forms of human trafficking being served through our program. Our program evaluation will help us determine if our services are appropriate and adequate. The purpose of this solicitation is to identify and obtain the services of a qualified Evaluator to:

(a) Create and implement a comprehensive evaluation plan;
(b) Assist with data collection;
(c) Evaluate the Project with findings documented in progress reports and final report

It is expected that a decision selecting the successful applicant will be made within three weeks of the closing date of the receipt of proposals.

The deadline for submission for all proposals is 4:30Pm Chamorro Standard Time on June 15, 2018 by electronic submission to: lauri.ogumoro@karidat.org

To obtain a complete copy of the Proposal's Specifications, please pick up at Karidat Office in the VS Sablan Bldg., Chalan Piao. Tel. No. 234-6981

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
RFQ18-GOV-082

Request for Qualification for Provisions of Architect and Engineering Services 702 CIP Project Management Services

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, (collectively, "**Commonwealth**") are soliciting sealed proposals from Architects and Engineers to provide Project Management Services for designated Federally Funded Projects for FY 2017 – 2019.

Procurement procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 (Local Preference Act) as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Selected Architects and Engineers (Project Managers) will be retained as independent contractors under the General Provision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agents of the expenditure authority on assigned Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within cost, time and legal requirements while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained of a one year contract with an option to renew for an additiional year at the discretion of the Commonwealth. Project Managers include Architects, Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers.

Compensation for Project Managers services will be determined based on the number of assigned projects including payments for appoved staff and expenses. The Commonwealth will negotiate with the selected Project Managers to determine the scope of work and responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project(s).

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work (SOW) and submittal requirements at the Office of Capital Improvement Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, beginning May 29, 2018 during working hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – (Monday through Friday, except on holiday). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement & Supply, Procurement Regulations § 7070-30.3-305. To qualify, firms must have a valid CNMI Business License, and be currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI, and must hold a Certificate of Authorization, if applicable.
Fee estimates will assist the CIP Office for budgeting purposes, but will not be considered in the Firm evaluation scores.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330 or the latest version of Standard Forms. Only professionally licensed firms with a valid CNMI business license will be considered. Statement of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Past Experience and Performance as a Project Manager – 70%
2. Interview – 30%

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms or with all the firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selected firm will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Qualifications statements must be sealed and marked "RFQ18-GOV-082", **Project Management Services for the 702 CIP Projects**". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the qualifications statement must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP, **no later than 9:00 a.m., on June 29, 2018**. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply **no later than 9:00 a.m., ChST, on June 29, 2018** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cmnidof.net. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed qualifications statement must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 29, 2018, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply **no later than 9:00 a.m., ChST on July 10, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

Victor B. Hocog
CNMI, Acting Governor

Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-011

GUALO RAI WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Gualo Rai Waterline Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline and lateral service line; connection to the existing waterline; installation of gate valve assembly, PRV and PSV, flush hydrants, air release valves, fire hydrant assembly; existing lateral service tap relocation; restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **June 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-011, Gualo Rai Water Line Replacement Project",** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 10, 2018,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States, Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

All bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 25, 2018** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Mr. Larry Manacop, CUC Water/Wastewater Associate Engineer – via email larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

LETTERS

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drugs just to make ends meet and social programs for prevention. This phenomenon of the feds taking the money really needs to change because the true challenge is prevention, not locking users up who get caught after they are hooked. We can never catch them all but we can bombard society with so much education and support that we can reach all the present and potential users of ice and all the hard drugs. Guam is now dealing with cocaine and ice and we are just a stone's throw away, so the challenge is only going to increase. I'm praying heroin doesn't show up.

I am hopeful the feds will consider putting the money back into the source from which it came, the CNMI community and your battles to get rid of ice will be easier in the future. Maybe our Drug Court should ask for the forfeited money so they can use it and disburse it to victims, education institutions, and support programs and services.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Landlocked

BEFORE

AFTER

I am writing to complain about the construction on Beach Road. I live at the apartment building at Beach Road and Alus Street.

The construction has been in the same spot since February. On Wednesday, June 13, 2018, the construction was extended one block so as to close off Alus Street. This effectively landlocked two apartment buildings on Alus Street. As seen in these pictures, there is no way to drive in or drive out of the parking lot of these apartment buildings. The Beach Road access is blocked by construction and the Alahai Avenue access is blocked by orange cones.

Because of lack of access to my parking spot on Wednesday, I had to park on the grass on the back side of the apartment building. There is nowhere else to park for residents of these two apartment buildings. Each building in this picture is 20 units or more, so there are more than 40 families affected by the landlocked apartment buildings on Alus Street.

Philip Dauterman, MD
Garapan, Saipan

A trilogy of lies

"To call the president a liar, that is not good. But it happens to be the truth."

—U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono, the first Asian-American woman to serve in the Senate, the first U.S. senator born in Japan, and the first U.S. senator with a Buddhist background.

Living a Lie You Gotta Wonder Why

In grand jury testament it always shows
its all there on paper in black and white
much more the Special Counselor knows
who said what, who was wrong, who was right
and when the judge and jury make a reply
and the judge pounds the gavel, metal or wood
when those being questioned come up with a lie
when it is then uncovered and it did no good
tell the truth to the questioners with your reply
tell them who ask further all your entangles
tell them all your moneyed wily wrangles
tell them the truth because they will catch your lie
tell these people the names of those who were bought
those power hungry ambitious ones who all got caught .

Tweet No More Your Fountain of Lies

"...fear not to touch the best; the truth shall be thy warrant. Go, since I needs must die and give the world a lie."

—Sir Walter Raleigh (1552-1618)

Tweet no more your fountain of lies
why do you feel the need to tweet so fast
the country is shocked in cyber surprise
more tweets coming out many just passed
the lying media's watchful phones with eyes
cover all your day to day twit and tweetings
frivolous complaints about cabinet meetings
and how the FBI follows you like true spies
day and night egregiously equivocating
todays gather of blather staff tweets regrets
your fleet of lawyers all busy explicating
responses with denials its as good as it gets
try stopping at least for a few days or more
take a break from your Sisyphean chore.

The Leader Lied and Was Later Tried

"... told such dreadful lies, it made one gasp and stretch one's eyes."

—Hilaire Belloc (1870 - 1953)

Trumpty Dumpty told so many lies
"it made one gasp and stretch one's eyes"
from red state base to disgruntled youth
all looked in vain to hear the truth.

Even his so called, 'lying media' looked in vain
for some sort of veracity in all his many lies
some tweets, some speech that might explain
irrational thought and all his outright denies.

He expressed regrets appointing the top lawyer
since AG Sessions quit the case with recusal
Trumpty wanted tricks ala Huck Finn & Tom Sawyer
getting none he resorted to mass media abusal

There was lying about this, lying about that
lying from house mouse to cat and tit for tat.

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly is a retired teacher and poet living on Tinian who taught English in CNMI public schools for the past 30 years. He has also taught in Alaska, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Fifteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Board of Education Conference Room, Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA[1]

I. Preliminary
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
   a. May 16, 2018 Special Board Meeting

II. Public Comments[2]

III. Reports
1. Chair
2. Board Committees
   a. CIP
   b. FPA
   c. ISA
   d. LIA
   e. SICPP
   f. SARC
3. Commissioner of Education
   a. Financial Status Reports
      i. Federal
      ii. Local
   b. Head Start Program
   c. Others

IV. Unfinished Business
1. Certified Question

V. New Business
1. Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2017
2. Head Start Program:
   a. 2018 Head Start COLA Supplemental Grant Application
   b. 2018 Early Head Start COLA Supplemental Grant Application
   c. 2016-2017 Head Start Carry Over Request
   d. 2016-2017 Early Head Start Carry Over Request
3. Ratification
   a. BOE-PSS Comments to Senate Bill No. 20-62 Marijuana Bill
   b. BOE-PSS Comments to House Bill No. 20-130, HD1 STEM
4. Proposed Amendments to Procurement Regulations
5. RFP for Legal Services
6. Commissioner of Education
7. Certification and Licensure Matters
   a. CLO Report 2017-006
   b. Proposed Amendments to Certification Regulations
   c. Certification Fees
   d. Fingerprinting

VI. Executive Session[3]
1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel/Certification
3. Other matters

VII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

VIII. Adjournment

[1] In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.
[2] Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[3] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Honorable Ralph Dlg. Torres, Governor and the Honorable Victor B. Hocog, Lt. Governor, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992", hereby give Official Notice that an **Executive Board Meeting** is scheduled for **June 22, 2018, Friday, at 9:00 p.m.,** at the **Honorable Vicente T. Seman Building, Department of Corrections, Susupe Saipan MP 96950.** The following items are included in the agenda:

Board of Parole Executive Meeting Agenda

I. Preliminary Matters
A. Call to order
B. Roll Call
C. Presence of Quorum

II. Consent Items
A. Adoption of Agenda
B. Adoption of Meeting Minutes
   a. Parole Hearing Mins – January 30 – 31, 2018
   b. Executive Meeting Mins – February 07, 2018

III. Miscellaneous
A. Schedule of next Parole Hearing
B. Schedule of next Executive Meeting

IV. Adjournment

If deemed necessary, members of the Board of Parole may elect to vote to meet in Executive Session to discuss any of the items listed above.

If you have any question or need additional information, please contact the Board of Parole Office at telephone numbers 664-3300 or 664-3302.

/s/ Ramon B. Camacho, Chairman, Board of Parole — June 13, 2018, Date

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I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Presence of Quorum

II. Consent Items
1. Adoption of Agenda

III. Parole Hearing	**BOP No.:**	**Criminal Case No.:**
1. Fermin Manuel J. Castro	18-009	15-0074
2. Nicolas Juan V. Cabrera	18-010	15-0021A
3. Manuel D. Sablan Jr.	18-011	14-0098D
4. John Ibanez Carreon	18-012	12-0030T
5. Juan C. Taitano	18-013	10-0072D
6. Pino Kris Kfis	18-014	14-0130B
7. Billy Jack V. Quitugua	18-015	12-0174A
8. Aquilino Castillo	18-016	11-0236E
9. Johnalyn P. Salinas	18-017	17-0076B

IV. Adjournment

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/s/ Ramon B. Camacho, Chairman, Board of Parole — June 13, 2018, Date

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the Perimeter Security Fence Replacement at the Thomas Camacho Mendiola Commercial Seaport, Rota, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, Project AIP No. CPA-RS-002-15.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Thomas Camacho Mendiola Commercial Seaport Perimeter Security Fence Replacement, Rota, CNMI, Project No. CPA-RS-002-15" and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2018**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read at the Saipan Airport Conference Room immediately after 2:00 p.m. on the same day..

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to complete removal of fencing and concrete post footings and installation of new fence and concrete footings, all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) Calendar Days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **THREE HUNDRED ($300.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A CD-ROM containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Rota Ports Manager's Office, Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a U.S. Treasury listed surety or CPA approved company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority. All bidders shall comply with all U.S. and CNMI laws pertaining to construction.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-010-18

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), a public corporation and an instrumentality of the government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, is soliciting proposals from qualified persons or firms to provide Risk Management Consultant Services for the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Request for Proposal (RFP) package may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning June 15, 2018, from Monday to Friday, excluding holidays, between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

Deadline for submission of all proposals is Friday, July 16, 2018, before 2:00 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time (Saipan Time). All proposals must be addressed to Christopher S. Tenorio, Executive Director and submitted to his office, mentioned above.

Deadline for submission of all questions and clarifications (RFI) is June 29, 2018. All questions should be submitted via email to chris.tenorio@cpa.gov.mp with copy to atudela@cpa.gov.mp.

CPA shall have the right to reject, in whole or in part, proposals or offers which have been submitted in response to the RFP, and/or cancel the RFP if it is determined to be in the interest of CPA and/or for whatever reasons allowed by law and/or regulations. This right to reject and/or cancel is also pursuant to the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulation.

Proposer's direct or indirect contact with any CPA board members, management, staff, or any persons participating in the selection process is prohibited.

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date: June 07, 2018

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to extend the lease of certain public land in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Tract No. 21670 containing an area of approximately 2,503 square meters, more or less, situated in Sasanhaya, Rota. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands office and website at www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc. The Directors of Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. are Charles E. Ewart – President, Kenneth R. Chandler – Executive Vice President, Timothy A. Duguid – Vice President, Ma. Julieta Milan – Treasurer, Leo A. Manlapaz – Secretary, and Margarita A. Olivares.

iii. The proposed Extension Agreement and First Amendment to the Lease Agreement is compliant with DPL regulations. To extent it was negotiated, discussions were by Mr. Charles E. Ewart, Mr. Leo Manlapaz, Ms. Margarita Olivares, and Ms. Maria Kemp.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose to operate a bulk plant fuel storage facility.

The term of the proposed lease extension is 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease extension is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property.

v. A copy of the proposed Extension Agreement and First Amendment to the Lease Agreement may be obtained at the office of the Secretary, Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. As of the time of this publication, the Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Sasanhaya, Rota.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before 4:00 p.m. June 26, 2018 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIAN I MAPROPONI NA EKSTENSION ATKILON TÅNU´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku mannånå´i guini nutisia put i intensiona ni para u ekstendi atkilon nu i metton na tanu´ pupbliku giya Luta, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas. Maseha håyi na pattida ni intirisao gi hålum pupblikun hinerått siña muna´na´hålum upiñon, infotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu´ pupbliku. Kumu mås mo'na mapribeni ginin i Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi na pettanesin infotmasion manisisita na para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu´ pupbliku madiskribi kumu Tract No. 21670 ni konsisisti kåsi 2,503 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi gi Sasanhaya, giya Luta. I kopian påttin i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku yan website gi www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.

ii. I prospective lessee Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc. I Direktot i Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. si Charles E. Ewart – i Presidenti, Kenneth R. Chandler – i Sigundu Eksakatibu na Presidenti, Timothy A. Duguid – Sigundu na Presidenti, Ma. Julieta Milan – Tresuråru, Leo A. Manlapaz – Sekritåriu/Sekritåria, yan Margarita A. Olivares.

iii. I Kontråtan Ekstension ni maproponi yan i Primet na Amendasion para Kontråtan Atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha. Para ekstendi ni manegosiu, i diskuti siha ginin as Siñot Charles E. Ewart, Siñot Leo Manlapaz, Siñorita Margarita Olivares, yan si Siñorita Maria Kemp.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha´ na rason para u ma-operate i fasilidåt pine'lu para i bulk plant fuel.

I tema nu i maproponi na ekstension atkilon para kinsi (15) ånus na tiempu.

I manmaproponi na atkilon gi kada´ såkkan durånti i tema nu i ekstension atkilon ni ma´estima gi pusentu nu i bålin fair market i propiedåt.

v. I kopian nu i maproponi na Kontråtan Ekstension yan i Primet na Amendasion para i Kontråtan Atkilon siña machuli´ gi ufisinan i Sekritårian, Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku, gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building gi Dandan, giya Saipan, primet (1st) bibienda gi De'Ana Commercial Building, gi Songsong Village, giya Luta; pat i primet (1st) bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, giya Tinian. I kopia debi lokkui´ na managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. Kumu gi tiempun nu esti pupblikasion, i Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku ti marisibi ni håfa na tinaguin inefresi siha ni para ma´atkila i suhetu na tanu´ puppliku gi Sasanhaya, giya Luta.

vii. I Sekritårian Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku ha aksesepta tinigi´ upiñon, infotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat alternative proposals ginin i manintirisão na pattida siha gi pat åntis di 4:00 p.m. gi Huniu 26, 2018 gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Luta pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL POMMWOL LÁÁLÁÁYIL ATKKILÓÓN REEL FALUWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil 106 (b) reel Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap re attotoowow arongorong reel igha re mángemángil rebwe sóbweeyló atkkióónol falúw sángi faluweer toulap wóól Luuta, Commonwealth Téél Falúw kka Efáng Ilól Marianas. Schóó kka re mwuschel isiisilong kkapas, data, views, ngáre angiingi reel pommw ikka re siiweli ngáli atkkilóónol falúw yeel. Eyoor sángi Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, arongorong ikka e amwirimwiritiw ebwe akkatééwow.

i. Faluweer toulap iye rebwe atkkilaay, e bwáálo bwe Tract No. 21670 e bwáá bwe 2, 503 reel square meters, elapeló ngáre eghus, iye e lo Sasanhaya, Luuta. Pappidil falúw yeel eyoor reel Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me bwal wóól website me www.dpl.gov.mp ngáre u mwuschel amwuri ghatchúw.

ii. Schóól atkkilóón nge Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc. Ikkaaliir direkktoodil Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc, Charles E. Ewart – President, Kenneth R. Chandler – Executive Vice President, Timothy A. Duguid – Vice President, Ma. Julieta Milan —Treasurer, Leo A. Manlapaz – Sekkretóóriyo, me Margarita A. Olivares.

iii. Pommwol Abwungubwungúl Láálááyil me First Amendment ngáli Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón nge compliant ngáli mwóghutughutúl DPL. Eyoor tool igha re ppwol fengál, mwaliili sángi Mr. Charles E. Ewart, Mr. Leo Manlapaz, Ms. Margarita A. Olivares, me Ms. Maria Kemp.

iv. Schóól atkkilóón ebwe yááyá falúw reel schagh mwóghutughutúl leliyál bulk plant fuel.

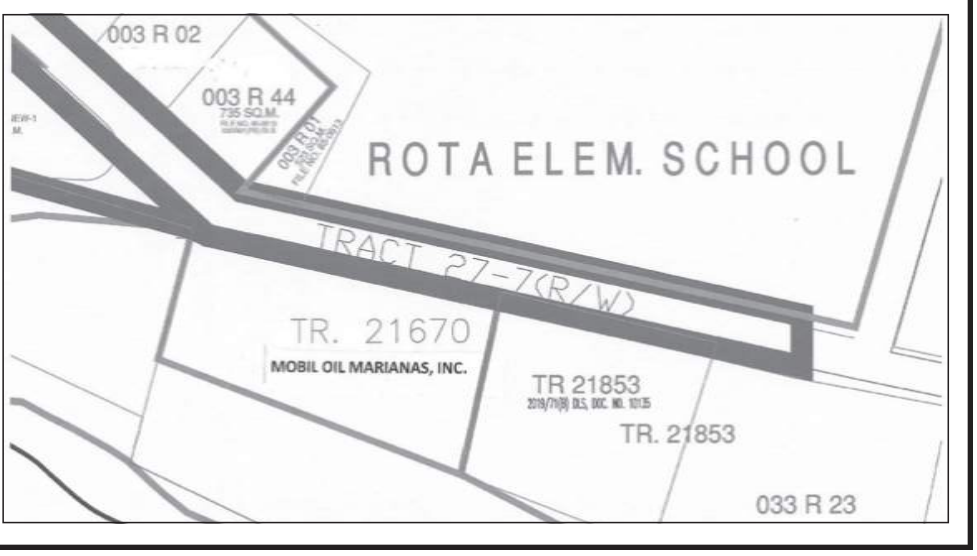
Pommwol mángemángil lappal ráágh reel láálááyil nge seigh me limoow ráágh.

Pommwol óbwóssul ghal atoll aar atkkilaay nge e lo reel percentage reel appraised fair market value reel falúw.

v. Pappidil Abwungubwungúl Extension yeel me First Amendment ngáli Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón emmwel ubwe bweibwogh me bwulasiyol Sekkretóóriya, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap, iye e lo 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél, 1st floor me De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor reel Kings Commercial Building, Tchiliyól. E bwal yoor pappid yeel online me www.dpl.gov.mp.

vi. Atol oral arongorong yeel, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommw iye re siiweli ngáli atkkilóón ngáli falúw iye e lo Sasanhaya, Luuta.

vii. Sekkretóóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toualp re mmwelil bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angiingi, ngáre pommw ikka re siiweli sángi schóó kka re mwuschel wóól ngáre mmwalil 4:00 p.m. Unnyo 26, 2018 me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap iye elo Seipél, Luuta, ngáre Tchiliyól.



World

Koreas holding military talks to reduce tensions on border

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The rival Koreas were holding rare high-level military talks Thursday to discuss reducing tensions across their heavily fortified border.

It's possible North Korean officials during the talks at the border village of Panmunjom will seek a firm commitment from the South on stopping its military drills with the United States.

U.S. President Donald Trump said after his summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Tuesday that the allies should stop the war games during nuclear negotiations in "good faith." South Korea's presidential office has said it's trying to discern Trump's meaning and intent, but also that the allies should explore various ways to "further facilitate" dialogue with the North.

Seoul's Defense Ministry said the military talks would focus on carrying out agreements from a summit between Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in in which they vowed to take steps to reduce military tensions and eliminate the danger of war.

The discussions are the first general-level talks between the militaries since December 2007.

"We will invest our best efforts to bring in a new era of peace on the Korean Peninsula," South Korean Maj. Gen. Kim Do-gyun told reporters before the talks.

At a building on the northern side of Panmunjom, the South Korean officials were greeted by a North Korean delegation led by Lt. Gen. An Ik San, who joked that he was "very jealous" of the major general who he thought was probably the first Korean soldier to cross the military demarcation line that bisects the Koreas by foot and while wearing a uniform.

Kim Do-gyun told An that he was honored to meet him and expressed hope for a meaningful breakthrough in the talks.

Canada-US relations at a low after Trudeau-Trump trade tiff

TORONTO (AP)—For the first time in decades, one of the world's most durable and amicable alliances faces serious strain as Canadians — widely seen as some of the nicest, politest people on Earth — absorb Donald Trump's insults against their prime minister and attacks on their country's trade policies.

Some Canadians are urging Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to seek peace with the U.S. president. Many others want him to hang tough even as Trump seeks to make political hay with his anti-Canada rhetoric.

But there's broad agreement with this assessment by The Globe and Mail, a leading Canadian newspaper: "Relations between two of the world's closest allies are now at a perilous low."

The spark for the confrontation: Not only did Trump suggest new tariffs against Canada are justified on grounds of national security, but he and top aides assailed Trudeau as a "weak" and dishonest" back-stabber who deserves a place in hell.

For Canadians — who don't totally reject their stereotyped image as self-effacing and nice — the eruption seemed completely at odds with their own national temperament.

Anne Marie Goetz, a Canadian who teachers global affairs at New York University, said she hopes her compatriots will show "maturity and forbearance" amid the tensions.

"But as these kinds of absurd statements and rude outbursts pile up, antagonism and resentment might too, which would be terribly unfortunate and even surreal for two of the best neighbors on the planet," Goetz said.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PERIMETER SECURITY FENCE REPLACEMENT, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO.: 3-69-0003-27/XX.**

One original and three copies of the Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of Rota International Airport Perimeter Security Fence Replacement with perimeter access road, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Commonwealth Ports Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the departure terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS ($200.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be **THREE HUNDRED (300) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER CALENDAR DAYS ($300.00)** shall be assessed the contractor if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Rota Ports Manager's Office, Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport at **10:00 a.m., Friday, June 8, 2018** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, seven (7) days prior to the date designated above for the bid opening.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will berejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by CPA. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. It is the Contractors' responsibility to verify and ensure that the drawings are printed without distortion after printing which may affect sheet size and scale of the design details. Prints shall be the actual intended size of 24" by 36" as initially prepared by the Designer of Record.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP60 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government wide Debarment and Suspension and Government wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
CPA Executive Director

Date: May 16, 2018

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Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"TNI ARFF BUILDING RENOVATIONS, Tinian International Airport, Tinian, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0011-28/XX"*, and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018,** to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read at the Saipan Airport Conference Room immediately after the deadline on the same day.

The project, in general, consist of the TNI ARFF Builidng Renovation, extension and construction of new building. It includes demolition of existing ARFF Dispatch and first bay of the aforesaid building. A three storey building will be constructed as this site, and the remaining building will receive extension of frontage at Bay 2 and Bay 3. A new auxiliary building will be constructed adjacent to the building. Also, this project includes replacement of existing chainlink fence, replacement of water tank, additional parking and other associated works, all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **Four Hundred Thirty (430) Calendar Days.** Liquidated damages in the amount of **One Thousand ($1,000.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A CD-ROM containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Commonwealth Ports Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the departure terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS ($200.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Tinian Ports Manager's Office at the Tinian International Airport at **10:00 AM, MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018,** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: June 6, 2018

UN Assembly blames Israel for Gaza violence, but not Hamas

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.N. General Assembly approved a Palestinian-backed resolution Wednesday blaming Israel for violence in Gaza and deploring its "excessive use of force," after narrowly rejecting a U.S. demand to add a condemnation of attacks on Israel by Gaza's Hamas rulers.

The votes reflected wide concern in the 193-member world body that the resolution sponsored by Arab and Islamic nations was one-sided and failed to even mention Hamas, which has fired over 100 rockets at Israel.

Since near-weekly mass protests began March 30 along the Israel-Gaze border, more than 120 Palestinians have been killed and over 3,800 wounded by Israeli army fire. The overwhelming majority of the dead and wounded have been unarmed, according to Gaza health officials.

Israel's use of potentially lethal force against the protesters has drawn international criticism. Israel accuses Hamas of trying to carry out attacks and damage the border fence under the guise of the protests.

Israeli Ambassador Danny Danon told the assembly that Hamas is conducting "a violent assault on Israel" and aims to seize its main cities of Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. "We want to make sure that doesn't happen," he said.

For the Palestinians, the resolution's key provision is a request to U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to make proposals within 60 days "on ways and means for ensuring the safety, protection and well-being of the Palestinian civilian population under Israeli occupation," including on "an international protection mechanism."

In the General Assembly, the confrontation over Gaza, reflecting decades-old divisions between Israel and the Palestinians, played out with a few new twists.

Algerian Ambassador Sabri Boukadoum, representing Arab nations, first sought to block a vote on the U.S. amendment, saying it wasn't relevant to the resolution. He said it also undermined reconciliation efforts between rival Palestinian factions Hamas and Fatah as well as the "remote prospects" of reviving peace negotiations with Israel.

His motion to take "no action" on the amendment was defeated by a vote of 59-78 with 26 abstentions, allowing the U.S. amendment to be put to a vote.

The U.S. amendment was approved by a 62-58 vote, with 42 abstentions. But General Assembly President Miroslav Lajcak declared that under an assembly rule, a two-thirds majority was needed so the amendment failed.

U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley appealed, citing another rule that says only a majority vote was required. After a short break, Lajcak put the U.S. appeal to a vote. The U.S. narrowly lost that vote 66-73 with 26 abstentions.

WORLD BRIEFS

Migrant aid ship on way to Spain as Italy draws deeper line

ROME (AP)—Italy escalated its quarrel with France over migration Wednesday, challenging the bordering country to take in more asylum-seekers and demanding an apology after the French president accused the new Italian government of irresponsible behavior for refusing entry to a rescue ship with hundreds of migrants aboard. Interior Minister Matteo Salvini chided French President Emmanuel Macron by name during a speech before Parliament's upper chamber, while Italian news reports said a meeting between Macron and Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte planned for Friday now was in doubt. "I speak in the name of a government, but I also have the aim of speaking for a people who have nothing to learn from anyone about generosity, volunteerism, welcome and solidarity," Salvini, the leader of the anti-migrant League party, said to applause in the Senate chamber.

Watchdog: Sarin, chlorine likely used in Syria in March 2017

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—The global chemical weapons watchdog says the nerve agent sarin and toxic chemical chlorine were "very likely" used as weapons in two attacks in central Syria in late March 2017. The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons said Wednesday that its Fact-Finding Mission probing alleged attacks in Syria found that "sarin was very likely used as a chemical weapon" in the south of Latamneh in Hama province on March 24 and that chlorine was very likely used a day later at and near Latamneh Hospital.

Australia PM will make national apology to sex abuse victims

SYDNEY (AP)—Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull will deliver a national apology to child sex abuse victims as part of the government's response to a long-running inquiry that heard allegations against government and private institutions and prominent individuals in five years of hearings. The apology, to be delivered on Oct. 22 after public consultations, was announced Wednesday as Turnbull outlined his government's formal reaction to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Its inquiry ended in December after taking evidence from leaders such as Vatican Cardinal George Pell, who is charged with committing historical sex abuses himself and was accused of failing to protect children. Turnbull's government will adopt 104 of the 122 recommendations the royal commission made to it, including establishing a national office for child safety and joining a redress payments program. The 18 other recommendations remain under consideration.

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Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **2:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018.** Sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read immediately after at the Airport Conference Room, 2nd floor of the Departure Terminal.

The Project, in general, requires the removal and replacement of all airfield markings, procurement and replacement of airfield signage and other miscellaneous work in accordance with the plans and specifications and in compliance with FAA's Advisory Circular No. 150/5340-1L.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with Item G-100-3.2 (Contract Time) of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with Item G-100-3.4 (Liquidated Damages) of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the CPA Accounting Office, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of plan and specification documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Rota Port Manager's Office at 10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government-wide Debarment and Suspension and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: June 6, 2018

Off The Wall

With her life saved, Bulgarian cow now waits to rejoin herd

KOPILOVTSI, Bulgaria (AP)—Swatting away the flies with her long tail, Penka the cow happily munches on hay, unaware of the international stir she has caused.

The cow from the Bulgarian village of Kopilovtsi has won fame and Europe-wide support since she wandered into neighboring Serbia for two weeks last month and authorities threatened to put her down on her return.

Bulgaria is a European Union member, Serbia isn't. EU rules state that any animal entering the bloc from the outside must have proper veterinary approvals and Penka didn't, so she faced a death sentence.

But after the outcry—pro-Penka campaigners included former Beatle Sir Paul McCartney—authorities ran tests on Penka that proved she was healthy.

"So many people saw our story and expressed their support," owner Raina Georgieva said this week. "I believed that there would be mercy for our Penka."

Penka the cow under quarantine in the village of Kopilovtsi, Bulgaria, Tuesday, June 12, 2018. AP

Nonetheless, Penka has been confined to a separate quarantine box in the village waiting for the authorities to allow her to join the rest of the herd.

Georgieva said she and her husband got Penka only several months ago and were worried how the tests would come out.

"It turned out she is absolutely healthy," Georgieva smiled.

Thousands of people have signed a petition to save Penka and her case was discussed during a European Commission daily briefing. McCartney wrote on Twitter: "She's done nothing wrong."

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

'Dead' husband returns after Japan police send wrong body

TOKYO (AP)—A Japanese wife has told police the body she thought was of her missing husband belonged to a stranger after her spouse turned up alive a year later. Tokyo police acknowledged Wednesday that the body found in a river in eastern Tokyo in June 2017 was of another man reported missing at around the same time. Police apologized for the mix-up and said the remains would be returned to the right family. Police initially believed the body was of a man in his early 40s reported missing by his family three days earlier, and handed it over to them after positive identification by the wife and two relatives. The body was then cremated by the family. The family earlier this month notified police that the man came home alive in May. Police refused to say where he was or what he was doing. The body, of another missing man in his late 30s, might have been misidentified because both men were about the same height and age,

Artist eying record for world's largest paper airplane

FITCHBURG, Mass. (AP)—Residents of a Massachusetts city are hoping to set a world record for the largest paper airplane. The Revolving Museum of Fitchburg revealed a 64-foot-long (19.5-meter-long) plane at the Fitchburg Municipal Airport on Tuesday. There was no plan to fly the nearly 1-ton (0.9-metric ton) contraption. Fitchburg artist Jerry Beck tells the Sentinel & Enterprise he wanted to break the world record for the largest paper airplane to take flight but the hangar it was built in was too small to accommodate a wide enough wing span to support the glue-shallacked plane. A construction crane held the plane aloft. Two people measured the plane at 64 feet and 6 inches long, which Beck says makes it is the largest of its kind. He's asking Guinness World Records to add a new category.

Plane taxis to Orlando gate _ after alligator crosses tarmac

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Most times it's bad weather or bird strikes that delay flights. This time it was an alligator. Anthony Velardi says his plane had just landed at the Orlando International Airport on Monday when he spotted the large reptile casually lumbering across the tarmac toward a pond. He posted a 10-second video on Facebook. Velardi says the Spirit Airlines flight had to wait about five minutes before it could taxi to the gate. He says an airport truck arrived at the pond to make sure the alligator didn't return to the taxiway. Airport spokeswoman Carolyn Fennell told The Associated Press that such sightings are infrequent, even though 280 acres (110 hectares) of the airport's land are covered in water. Fennell says the alligator's presence didn't impact any other airport operations.

St. Paul raccoon set free after scaling 25-story tower

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A raccoon that became an internet sensation by scaling a 25-story office tower in downtown St. Paul was safely trapped Wednesday and released back into the wild. The raccoon looked a bit bedraggled but healthy after it was caught before dawn atop the UBS Plaza. Technicians took the caged raccoon down a freight elevator to a truck, according to Wildlife Management Services, which provides animal control services for St. Paul. "It's definitely a healthy raccoon. It's in good condition. It's eating normally," said Christina Valdivia, the company's general manager, who accompanied the technicians to the rooftop. The raccoon's adventures caused a stir on social media as it scaled the tower Tuesday, with many Twitter users voicing concern for its safety or joking about the drama as its seemingly death-defying climb was livestreamed by several broadcasters. Valdivia said her mother-in-law saw it on the news in Chile.

Science & Technology

'Net neutrality' ends

NEW YORK (AP)—Your ability to watch and use your favorite apps and services could start to change—though not right away—following the official demise Monday of Obama-era internet protections.

Any changes are likely to happen slowly, as companies assess how much consumers will tolerate.

The repeal of "net neutrality" took effect six months after the Federal Communications Commission voted to undo the rules, which had barred broadband and cellphone companies from favoring their own services and discriminating against rivals such as Netflix.

Internet providers such as AT&T, Verizon and Comcast had to treat all traffic equally. They couldn't slow down or block websites and apps of their choosing. Nor could they charge Netflix and other video services extra to reach viewers more smoothly. The rules also barred a broadband provider from, say, slowing down Amazon's shopping site to extract business concessions.

Now, all that is legal as long as companies post their policies online.

The change comes as broadband and cellphone providers expand their efforts to deliver video and other content to consumers.

With net neutrality rules gone, AT&T and Verizon can give priority to their own movies and TV shows, while hurting rivals such as Amazon, YouTube and startups yet to be born.

The battle isn't entirely over, though. Some states are moving to restore net neutrality, and lawsuits are pending. Also, the Senate voted to save net neutrality, though that effort isn't likely to become law.

For now, broadband providers insist they won't do anything that would harm the "internet experience" for consumers. Most currently have service terms that specify they won't give preferential treatment to certain websites and services, including their own.

However, companies are likely to drop these self-imposed restrictions; they will just wait until people aren't paying a lot of attention, said Marc Martin, a former FCC staffer who is now chairman of communications practice at the law firm Perkins Coie. Any changes now, while the spotlight is on net neutrality, could lead to a public relations backlash.

Here's how to minimize spam e-mail (hint: don't unsubscribe)

TECH Q&A

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Q: While reading a Facebook article, I encountered a repeating pop-up box saying I had won a $500 Amazon gift card. When I couldn't get rid of the box, I finally clicked on it and completed part of the survey required to get the card.

I haven't gotten the gift card, but I have received more than 600 spam e-mails, most of them dealing with pornography. I've tried unsubscribing to each of them—sometimes I've been successful, but other times I've gotten a "mail delivery failure" message for the unsubscribe request. Is there any way to stop the spam?

A: There's no way to completely eliminate spam, but you can minimize it by not clicking on questionable online offers and not trying to unsubscribe from spam e-mail. It also helps to refer spam messages to your e-mail provider's spam-filtering software and to use pop-up blocking software.

Online offers of the too-good-to-be-true variety are typically bait to obtain your personal information, such as your e-mail address. Responding to them is likely to increase the amount of spam you receive.

Trying to unsubscribe to spam is a waste of time and is likely to increase the amount of unwanted mail you receive. A spammer will see an unsubscribe request as confirmation that you received his or her message and acted on it. That means that a) your e-mail address works, and b) you might respond to future offers contained in junk e-mail. As a result, you receive more spam.

Because you use Gmail, you should refer spam messages to its "junk" mail folder, which is used to update its spam-blocking software. Gmail's spam filter already stops a lot of unwanted mail from reaching your inbox, and by alerting it to spam it missed you can broaden its filtering efforts. Click the box next to a spam e-mail, then click the "report spam" button, which is to the left of the "trash" icon and is a stop sign with an exclamation point.

To prevent getting unwanted pop-ups, use a "pop-up blocker" with your browser. (To find pop-up blocker add-ons for several popular browsers, see tinyurl.com/y7tf4g48). To get rid of any pop-up software that's already on your computer, download and run the free version of Malwarebytes (see tinyurl.com/jsdacdk).

Q: I use Windows 10, and I'm having trouble resizing an individual window on the screen. I can use the "minimize" and "exit" icons at the upper right corner of the window, but the icon that makes the window take up less than the full screen doesn't work. What can I do?

A: This is probably a settings problem. Because Windows 10 is designed to run on desktops, laptops and tablets, it can be set for use on a traditional PC screen or a touch-tablet screen. Your copy of Windows may be on the tablet setting, which limits the resizing of on-screen windows.

If so, you can fix the problem by right-clicking the "notifications" icon (a box at the lower right corner of the Windows 10 toolbar) and choosing "open action center." At the bottom of the resulting menu, you will see a box called "tablet mode." If that box is blue, it's on. Click it to turn it off. You should now be able to resize windows on your screen.

Life & Style

Police investigate elder abuse of Marvel Comics' Stan Lee

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles police are investigating reports of elder abuse against Stan Lee that come amid a struggle over the life and fortune of the 95-year-old Marvel Comics mogul, court documents showed Wednesday.

The investigation was revealed in a restraining order granted against Keya Morgan, who in recent months has been acting as Lee's business manager and personal adviser.

Morgan has inserted himself into the life of the Lee, according to the order. The filing accuses Morgan, 42, of taking advantage of Lee's impaired hearing, vision and judgment, moving Lee from his longtime family home and preventing family and associates from contacting him.

Morgan was arrested on Monday for allegedly filing a false police report by calling 911 and saying burglars were in his house when in fact two detectives and a social worker were conducting a welfare check on Lee.

"I have a very dear friend I take care of who is 95 and um, uh, three unidentified people have gone inside this house and locked the door and locked his security out and I'm very, very scared that they're harming him," Morgan said on the 911 call made on May 30, according to a transcript filed with the restraining order.

Attempts to reach Morgan on Wednesday were not immediately successful. An attorney he hired on a previous criminal case said he no longer works for Morgan, and it's not clear if he's retained a new attorney. Morgan's cell phone was no longer accepting messages.

In this April 23, 2018 file photo, Stan Lee, left, and Keya Morgan arrive at the world premiere of "Avengers: Infinity War" in Los Angeles. AP

Morgan's arrest and ouster is the latest and most dramatic move in the fight that has emerged over Lee's business and estimated $50 million fortune since his wife of 69 years Joan died in July.

Police have been investigating reports of elder abuse against Lee since at least February, and had issued an emergency order keeping Morgan from Lee even before Wednesday's order was issued.

Lee has for decades been revered as a comic book giant for his central role in creating the Incredible Hulk, Spider-Man, Iron Man and other major Marvel characters. In more recent years he has become a grandfatherly figure over the Marvel Cinematic Universe, with his comical cameos in each film beloved by fans.

Morgan is a memorabilia dealer and Marilyn Monroe expert who befriended Lee's daughter and only child J.C. Lee, and since February has increasingly taken personal control of Lee's life and household, taking advantage of Lee's age to influence and isolate him, Lee's attorney Tom Lallas said in the restraining order request.

He got rid of many who had worked for Lee, including Lallas, who had been helping with Lee's estate planning and other financial matters before his ouster, and has now returned. Morgan prevented friends, employees and relatives, eventually even J.C. Lee, from contact with Lee, police said in reports included with the restraining order.

Detectives said in the reports that in interviews Lee acknowledged that Morgan had helped him, but would frequently forget his name when talking about him.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Oprah to serve as godmother of new Holland America ship

Oprah Winfrey will serve as godmother of a new Holland America ship called the Nieuw Statendam. In a video recorded with her pal Gayle King, Winfrey recounted "sailing to Alaska last year" on a Holland America ship, adding that she is "setting sail again." Winfrey will join a Jan. 30 three-day "Girls' Getaway" on the cruise line's new ship from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Passengers may attend one of three live "Conversations with Oprah" onboard. Other getaway events will be hosted by editorial staff from O, The Oprah Magazine, including King, the editor-at-large. Winfrey will also christen the vessel in a private ceremony at an undisclosed date. The ship is under construction in Italy. Holland America and O, The Oprah Magazine launched a partnership in 2017. *(AP)*

Disney releases teaser trailer for 'Dumbo'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Disney has released its first teaser trailer for Tim Burton's remake of the classic "Dumbo." The live-action film stars Danny DeVito, Colin Farrell, Alan Arkin, Eva Green and Michal Keaton. Originally released in 1941, "Dumbo" is the story about an elephant with big ears who can fly. The trailer features clips of Dumbo taking flight and Norwegian pop star Aurora singing "Baby Mine." "Dumbo" is due in theaters in March 2019.

Clinton-Patterson novel sells 250,000 copies its first week

NEW YORK (AP)—Bill Clinton's debut novel had the year's biggest opening so far for a work of fiction. "The President is Missing," the thriller he co-wrote with James Patterson, sold 250,000 copies its first week. Alfred A. Knopf and Little, Brown and Co., the book's co-publishers, announced Wednesday that the number includes hardcover, e-book and audio sales. NPD BookScan, which tracks around 85 percent of print sales, reported sales of 152,000 copies. That's BookScan's top-selling fiction debut since the latest "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," which came out last fall, and biggest first week for adult fiction since Harper Lee's "Go Set a Watchman" sold more than 700,000 hardcover copies in 2015. "The President is Missing" was published June 4 and spent much of last week at No. 1 on Amazon.com and elsewhere despite some awkward and contentious moments in interviews with the former president. Clinton responded defensively to questions from NBC's Craig Melvin about the #MeToo movement and whether he owes an apology to former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Clinton's affair with Lewinsky helped lead to his impeachment.

Trump tags US media as nation's 'biggest enemy' after summit

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump challenged skeptical media coverage of his historic summit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un on Wednesday, declaring that "Fake News" is the nation's "biggest enemy." The president's tweet, delivered a few hours after Air Force One touched down outside Washington, was reminiscent of his February 2017 Twitter rebuke in which he called several leading news outlets "the enemy of the American people." Trump has sought to portray his unprecedented meeting with Kim as a significant accomplishment that has made the world less vulnerable to the North's nuclear arsenal. Critics say that his agreement with the North lacks specific restraints on Kim's government and that he offered to end joint military exercises with South Korea with little in return. The president tweeted after returning from his Singapore summit that "the Fake News, especially NBC and CNN," are "fighting hard to downplay the deal with North Korea." He added: "500 days ago they would have 'begged' for this deal-looked like war would break out."

Son lives in constant fear for unhappy mom's welfare

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law constantly talks to my husband about committing suicide because she's not happy with her life or her husband. My husband worries all the time and has offered to let her come stay with us for a while.

To me, this would be a nightmare. I can't be around her more than two or three days, and she has "hinted" that she would like to move in permanently with us. I have told my husband how I feel, but he's terrified she will follow through. How can I fix this? Should I tell her how I feel?

SCARED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR SCARED: If your mother-in-law moves in with you, it will probably spell the end of your marriage. She needs more help than you or her son is qualified to give. Explain this to your husband. His mother may suffer from chronic depression or be trying to manipulate her son through emotional blackmail. If he really wants to help his mother, he will make sure she is evaluated by a licensed mental health professional.

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DEAR ABBY: We love being near the water, but my husband drags a chair behind our rental and sits in the sun in the alley without his shirt. This is an upscale neighborhood, and it's embarrassing to me, especially because he is in his 70s and not in shape to display his stomach.

The neighbors laugh it off, but I have told him how I feel and pleaded with him to walk a few steps to the beach and sit there shirtless. He said I hurt his feelings and embarrassed him by suggesting it. What more can I do to make him see how inappropriate it is?

BEACH BUNNY

DEAR BUNNY: Nothing! If he doesn't feel sunbathing in the back alley is inappropriate and the neighbors aren't offended, then the problem is you, not him. He may not want to sunbathe on the beach because he is self-conscious about his appearance, and your comments didn't help. Apologies are in order.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a teetotaler. As frequently happens when a group of friends share a meal together at a restaurant, when the bill arrives, one of the party will suggest, "Why don't we just split it?" The rest of the group usually quickly agrees, but left out of the equation is the fact that the lone teetotaler did not participate in the round—or several rounds—of cocktails before dinner and ends up subsidizing the drinkers. If I squawk about it, I look cheap. If I don't, I feel taken advantage of. Please advise.

TICKED OFF TEETOTALER

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR T.O.T.: If you haven't squawked before, you should. The time to speak up would be when the get-together is being planned and you can talk to each of your friends privately. Suggest the booze bill and the food tab be separate, which would keep the math simple for everyone. Or, put enough in the till to cover your cost and the tip, and let them split the rest.

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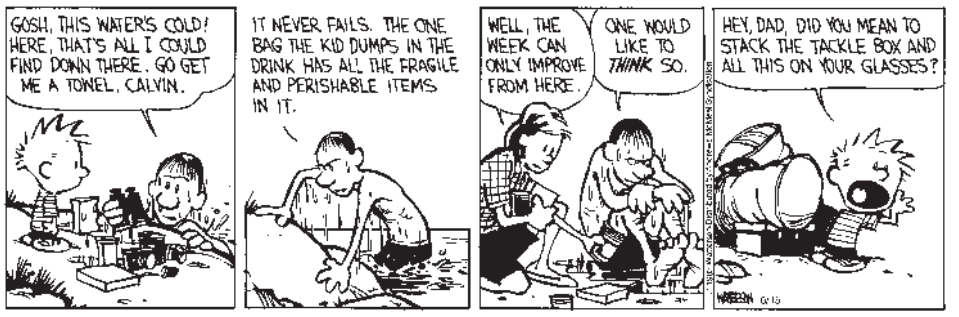
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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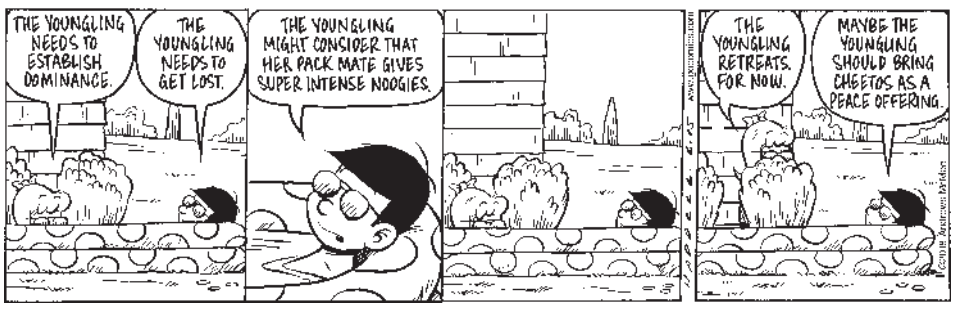
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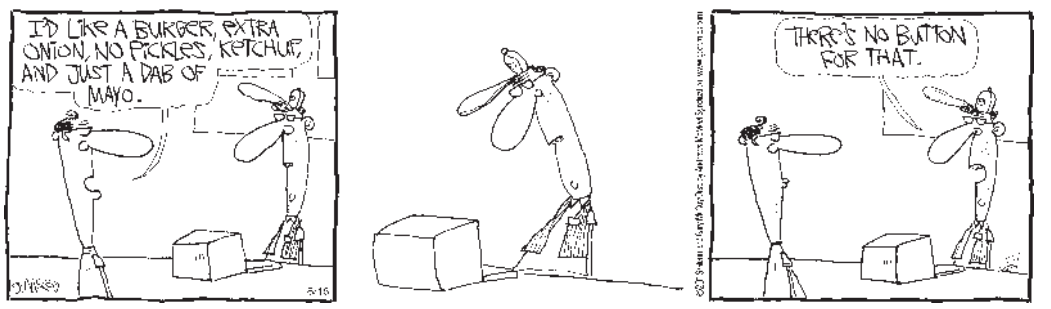
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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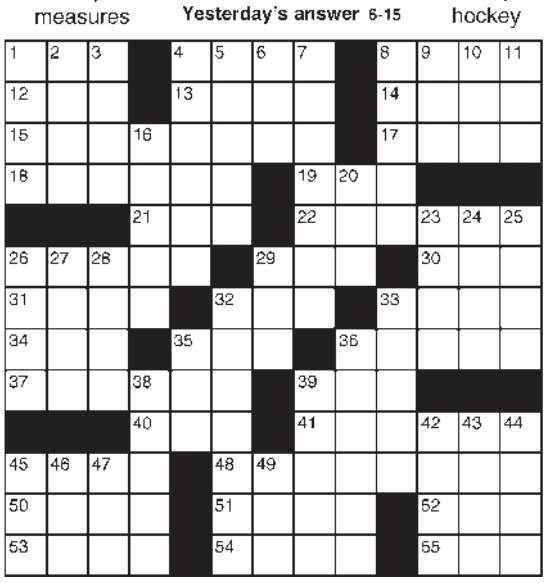
Yesterday's answer 6-15



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Neil Patrick Harris, 45; Ice Cube, 49; Courteney Cox, 54; Helen Hunt, 55.

Happy Birthday: Aim to stabilize your finances this year. The closer you are to being debt-free, the easier it will be to bring about the changes you want to make. Choose to be energetic, not impulsive. Certainty should be what determines how you go about incorporating change into your life, not emotion or following what someone else decides to do. Your numbers are 6, 14, 20, 24, 31, 39, 45.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Keep your emotions out of any decision you are pressed to make. Having a level head when it comes to your job or living situation will make a difference in the outcome. A romantic encounter will take you by surprise. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Travel about, do your research and look for answers that will help you deal with a personal situation that could be explosive if not handled properly. Don't take a physical risk that could jeopardize your personal stability. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Deal with institutions carefully. Make sure all the information you offer authorities is accurate and all your personal documents are in order if you travel or apply for something. Personal improvements should be researched before being implemented. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Let your inhibitions go by the wayside and see what life has to offer. Don't be afraid to share your thoughts and to explore unfamiliar territory. New beginnings and creative endeavors coupled with past friendships and desires will not disappoint you. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Don't feel you have to follow someone who is making impulsive moves or showing signs of indulgent behavior. Protect what you have, and by all means, do not jeopardize your position, reputation or your assets, regardless of the persuasive tactics used. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Be careful when offering assistance. It's important that you lay down ground rules and a structured plan that will ensure you are not put in a compromising position. The example you set will have an impact on the results you get. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Focus on the positive, not the negative. Set your sights on the opportunities you have a say in, not those that depend on luck or someone else's whim. Own whatever situation you face, and take action to better yourself. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Share your interests with someone you come in contact with; you will find out all sorts of information you can implement into your current endeavors. Make love and romance priorities. Ease your stress. ✪✪✪✪✪

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Chris Sale pitches Red Sox past Orioles

In Baltimore, Chris Sale took a two-hitter into the seventh inning before being ejected, and the Boston Red Sox completed a three-game sweep of the Baltimore Orioles with a 5-1 victory Wednesday in Baltimore.

After issuing two walks to open the seventh in a 5-0 game, Sale (6-4) was lifted by manager Alex Cora. As he was making his way to the dugout, the left-hander yelled at plate umpire Brian Knight and was promptly ejected.

Sale struck out nine, allowed one run and gave up two hits in ending a run of three straight losing starts. Mookie Betts and J.D. Martinez homered for the Red Sox, who are 9-1 against the Orioles this season. Baltimore has lost seven straight and 14 of 16.

Betts, the major league leader in batting average, came off the disabled list Monday after missing 14 games with an abdominal strain. He played Monday, was rested Tuesday and returned to the top of the lineup in the series finale. Betts hit a 3-2 pitch from Yefry Ramirez over the centerfield wall in the third for his 18th home run. A three-run fifth made it 4-0, and Martinez hit his team-leading 22nd in the seventh.

Ramirez (0-1) gave up three runs and four hits over 4 1/3 innings, striking out six.

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Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale throws to a Baltimore Orioles batter during the third inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 13, 2018, in Baltimore.

Nationals 5, Yankees 4

In New York, teenage rookie Juan Soto homered twice and drove in four runs, becoming the youngest player in 29 years to go deep in a regular-season game at Yankee Stadium, and Washington beat New York.

After getting a game off Tuesday, his first in three-plus weeks as a major leaguer, a refreshed Soto showed exactly why he was rated one of baseball's best prospects.

The 19-year-old outfielder lofted a three-run homer into the left-field corner off Sonny Gray in the fourth inning to give Washington, shut out in its previous two games, a 4-3 lead. Soto then launched a titanic shot to right-center in the seventh against Chasen Shreve (2-1), putting the Nationals back in front 5-4.

Projected at 436 feet, the drive soared to the back of a standing-room terrace above and beyond the Yankees' bullpen in right-center. It also ended a 23-inning shutout streak for New York relievers and made Soto (19 years, 231 days old) the youngest player in Nationals history to have a multihomer game.

Braves 2, Mets 0

In Atlanta, Mike Soroka did not allow a hit until the seventh inning, Freddie Freeman homered and drove in both runs, and Atlanta beat New York.

Soroka, at 20 the youngest pitcher in the major leagues, returned from a right shoulder strain that sidelined him since May 17 to outpitch N.L. ERA leader Jacob deGrom (4-2) in a game that lasted only 2 hours, 12 minutes. The Mets have lost 10 of their past 11 and 17 of their past 21.

Making his fourth career start, Soroka (2-1) gave up one hit, one walk and struck out four in 6 1/3 innings. Freeman, the N.L. batting leader, has hit safely in 23 of his past 24 games. He drove in the first run with a single in the fourth off deGrom (4-2). He homered off Jeremy Blevins in the eighth.

DeGrom (4-2) allowed seven hits and one run and struck out seven in seven innings.

White Sox 3, Indians 2

In Chicago, Dylan Covey carried a shutout into the eighth inning, continuing his impressive June and helping Chicago beat Trevor Bauer and Cleveland.

Covey (3-1) allowed 10 hits – all singles – and walked none. The 26-year-old right-hander, who was acquired from Oakland in the 2016 Rule 5 draft, improved to 3-0 with a 1.53 ERA in five starts since he was recalled from Triple-A Charlotte last month.

Covey got a warm ovation from the crowd of 19,390 when he departed after the first two batters reached in the eighth. Edwin Encarnacion hit a one-out RBI single and Yonder Alonso doubled home another run before Jace Fry struck out Melky Cabrera and Jason Kipnis, preserving Chicago's 3-2 lead.

Bauer (5-5) struck out 12 in 7 2/3 innings while becoming the third pitcher in franchise history to record at least 10 Ks in four consecutive starts, joining teammate Corey Kluber and Hall of Famer Bob Feller.

Brewers 1, Cubs 0

In Milwaukee, Lorenzo Cain homered and Jhoulys Chacin combined with three relievers on a six-hitter to give Milwaukee its second straight shutout of Chicago.

Chacin (6-1) allowed four hits in six innings, striking out seven and walking four to win his sixth consecutive decision. Jeremy Jeffress pitched the seventh, Josh Hader struck out the side in the eighth and Cory Knebel finished with a perfect ninth for his sixth save.

Mike Montgomery (2-2) allowed only two hits in six innings, both by Cain. He struck out four and walked one in his fourth start since replacing injured Yu Darvish in the rotation.

Cain drove a 3-1 pitch over the wall in left with one out in the third for his eighth homer. He also opened the first inning with a single. The Brewers improved to 3-8 this season against the Cubs and moved 1 1/2 games ahead of second-place Chicago in the N.L. Central.

Pirates 5, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Jordy Mercer homered and had three RBIs, Jameson Taillon pitched seven effective innings and Pittsburgh beat Arizona to avoid a sweep.

The Pirates blew a five-run lead in the opener and were knocked for 13 runs in the second game. Pittsburgh ended Arizona's sweep bid with a four-run second inning against Zack Greinke (5-5) and a sterling performance by Taillon (4-5).

Taillon gave up a two-run homer to David Peralta in the first inning when the ball popped out of left fielder Austin Meadows' glove and over the wall. Taillon worked out of a jam in the second inning and allowed two runs on six hits to help end Arizona's five-game winning streak.

Felipe Vazquez gave up a two-run single to pinch-hitter Jon Jay in the ninth before striking out Jake Lamb with the bases loaded for his 12th save.

Mariners 8, Angels 6

In Seattle, Mitch Haniger hit a two-run home run in the ninth inning to give Seattle a sweep of the three-game series with Los Angeles.

After Jean Segura singled to center off reliever Oliver Drake (0-1), Haniger launched his 16th homer of the season over the left-field wall. Nelson Cruz and Ryon Healy also homered for Seattle, and Healy's upper-deck shot in the eighth inning tied it at 6-6.

The Mariners have won six of their last seven games and 11 of their last 13. Roenis Elias (2-0) worked two scoreless innings of relief, and Seattle starter Marco Gonzales allowed seven hits and three runs in five innings. Angels starting pitcher Garrett Richards left the game after two innings because of tightness in his left hamstring.

Rays 1, Blue Jays 0

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Matt Duffy's RBI single with two outs in the ninth drove only run in Tampa Bay's victory over Toronto.

Duffy drove in Mallex Smith, who doubled with one out and moved to third base on a ground ball. Diego Castillo (1-0) got his first major league win after pitching two innings of relief.

Ryan Tepera (3-2) pitched the final 1 2/3 innings for the Jays, who were swept in the three-game series and have lost five of six to the Rays this season.

Tigers 5, Twins 2

In Detroit, Victor Reyes's RBI single keyed a four-run eighth inning and Detroit rallied to beat Minnesota.

The Tigers, playing their first game since Miguel Cabrera's season-ending biceps injury, won for just the fourth time in 11 games.

With one out, John Hicks, Niko Goodrum and Grayson Greiner hit consecutive singles off Addison Reed (1-5) to tie the game. Jose Iglesias popped out, but Reyes grounded an RBI single to left.

Reyes, a Rule 5 pick, started the night hitting .196 with four RBIs in 30 games.

Joe Jimenez (3-0) got the win with a scoreless eighth. Shane Greene pitched the ninth for his 16th save.

Reds 7, Royals 0

In Kansas City, Missouri, Tyler Mahle allowed three hits while pitching into the seventh, Adam Duvall hit a ninth-inning grand slam and Cincinnati beat skidding Kansas City.

Mahle (5-6) allowed only one runner to touch second base in 6 1/3 innings, matching his career longest start. He is 2-0 in June, allowing two earned runs and 14 hits in 16 1/3 innings.

The Royals have lost nine of 10 and have dropped 23 of 33 home games. They have scored 11 runs in their last eight games and 23 in 12 June games. Kansas City is hitting .147 this month with runners in scoring position, including 1 for 25 in the past six games.

Royals starter Jason Hammel (2-7) allowed three runs on seven hits over 7 1/3 innings.

Rockies 7, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Ian Desmond hit a two-run homer in a five-run fourth inning, Tyler Anderson pitched seven strong innings and Colorado routed Philadelphia to end a five-game losing streak.

Trevor Story added three hits and drove in two for the Rockies, who had dropped nine of 11 while falling from first place to fourth in the N.L. West.

Anderson (4-1) allowed one run and six hits while matching his longest outing of the season, set in his last start.

Jorge Alfaro and Jesmuel Valentin homered for the Phillies, who were seeking their first three-game winning streak since May 13-17.

Nick Pivetta (4-6) struck out five straight batters in the second and third innings before allowing a walk and five straight hits to start the fifth.

Padres 4, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Eric Lauer carried a shutout into the sixth inning, Manuel Margot had three hits and San Diego beat St. Louis to win its fifth straight series.

Freddy Galvis drove in two first-inning runs for San Diego, which has won five of seven. The Padres hadn't won five consecutive series since 2010.

Lauer (3-4) gave up two runs and eight hits over 5 2/3 innings. He's 3-0 when getting two or more runs of support.

St. Louis starter Luke Weaver (3-6) gave up four runs and nine hits over 5 1/3 innings. He has just one win over his last 11 starts. Marcell Ozuna homered for the Cardinals, who have lost three of four.

Marlins 5, Giants 4

In Miami, Brian Anderson hit a game-ending sacrifice fly in the ninth inning to lift Miami over San Francisco.

J.T. Realmuto had two hits and scored twice for the Marlins, who have won three straight for the first time since winning four in a row April 28-May 1.

Andrew McCutchen hit a two-run home run and Buster Posey had three hits for the Giants, who have lost four of five. Drew Steckenrider (3-1) pitched a scoreless top of the ninth.

Astros 13, Athletics 5

In Oakland, California, Evan Gattis hit two home runs, including the first of back-to-back shots with Marwin Gonzalez during a seven-run second inning, and streaking Houston beat Oakland for its seventh straight win.

Jake Marisnick also homered, Carlos Correa had a two-run triple and Yuli Gurriel had three hits and three RBIs to help Gerrit Cole (8-1) win his sixth straight decision.

Wentz eager to return, but Foles allows Eagles to wait

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Carson Wentz was having an MVP-caliber season before a torn ACL forced him to the sideline, where he watched Nick Foles lead the Philadelphia Eagles to their first Super Bowl victory.

Wentz has a mission to return for Week 1 and is already ahead of schedule after being cleared for 7-on-7 work last week. Still, he has a way to go before he is cleared for full activity.

"It's just a process," Wentz told The Associated Press. "There's the mental side of it, feeling comfortable with it, but also the physical limitations that the doctors put on you and you have to trust what they're saying. If I could tell you I'd be ready Week 1, I would. I just don't know. It's a fluid process. That's obviously the goal but so far things have been great."

Wentz's comeback comes with interesting circumstances: He has no pressure to return right away because the Eagles can lean on the Super Bowl MVP to start the season. And that's not necessarily a threat to Wentz, whose friendship with Foles doesn't have the strain seen in other famed NFL tandems like Brett Favre and Aaron Rodgers or Joe Montana and Steve Young.

"We've become so close ever since he first got here," Wentz said. "Developed a real friendship, a real relationship, more than just a working relationship, a true friendship."

Wentz admits it was difficult to see someone else hoist the Vince Lombardi Trophy on stage first. But the two quarterbacks are more like brothers than competitors for the starting job.

AP
Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz, right, throws the ball to wide receiver Mack Hollins, left, during the practice at the NFL football team's training camp, Wednesday, June 13, 2018, in Philadelphia.

"It's human nature to want to be on that podium and be the guy," Wentz said. "You grow up wanting to be there, but not being able to be up there, there's nobody I'd rather have up there than Nick."

Eagles coach Doug Pederson has made it clear there's no quarterback controversy in Philadelphia since the minute Foles finished a sensational performance in the 41-33 win over the Patriots. When he's healthy, Wentz is the guy. He's the face of the franchise.

"I still believe this is Carson's team," Pederson said Tuesday. "There are no egos involved. They're in this thing together. Both support each other. Nick supported Carson during the season last year, and then Carson turned around and supported Nick at the end of the year.

"Their relationship has carried over into this spring and summer, and it's really good. I see them working in the classroom. I see them working on the field. They keep talking. They want to get better individually. They want to get our team better. And so it's been a really good, really good dynamic between those two."

Foles has maintained since he replaced Wentz last December that he understands his role is the backup. He wants to start again in the NFL, but was happy to stay in Philadelphia.

"I've shown what I can do," Foles said. "I love the team and I love the city. I'm excited for Carson to get back."

While he was focused on rehabbing and returning to the field as quickly as possible, Wentz pursued other interests during the offseason. He went to Haiti for the second time in less than a year in April — teammates Zach Ertz, Nate Sudfeld and Rashard Davis joined him — and launched plans for his Audience of One Foundation to build a sports complex in that country.

"Being able to partner up with Mission of Hope in Haiti and to see how everything is so Christ-centered, they had a sports complex in thought so we were on board for that," Wentz said. "I know how sports changed my life, how so many doors have opened up and how my faith has grown through guys who have mentored me in sports. Just to know that can be given and provided to the people in Haiti, it'll really change their perspective on so many things and restore some dignity and hope. It gets me fired up and I'm excited to go back and be hands-on and see the impact it's making."

Wentz then held the inaugural AO1 Foundation charity softball game at the home of the Philadelphia Phillies on June 1, drawing more than 25,000 fans who came out to see the Super Bowl champs compete in a home run derby — left guard Stefen Wisniewski was the winner with a fantastic power display — and a game that featured Foles and 23 other Eagles.

"The brotherhood we have on this team, we're so close," Wentz said. "We genuinely care about each other. A lot of unselfish players. To see these guys come out (to support me) is so humbling."

Before the game, Wentz also revealed a 25-foot food truck named "Thy Kingdom Crumb" that will begin delivering free food to people in the Delaware Valley in August. The partnership between AO1 and The Connect Church aims to provide food not only to people in need but others in the community also.

AP source: Toronto assistant Nick Nurse to coach Raptors

Nick Nurse spent almost three decades paying his coaching dues, toiling with teams in Britain, Italy and Belgium, college basketball and the G League.

The chance he's long coveted has finally arrived.

Nurse has agreed to become the next coach of the Toronto Raptors, a person with direct knowledge of the hire told The Associated Press on Tuesday. Nurse will be replacing his former boss, Dwane Casey — under whom he spent the past five seasons as a Raptors assistant. Casey was fired after the Raptors were swept out of the second round of this year's playoffs by Cleveland.

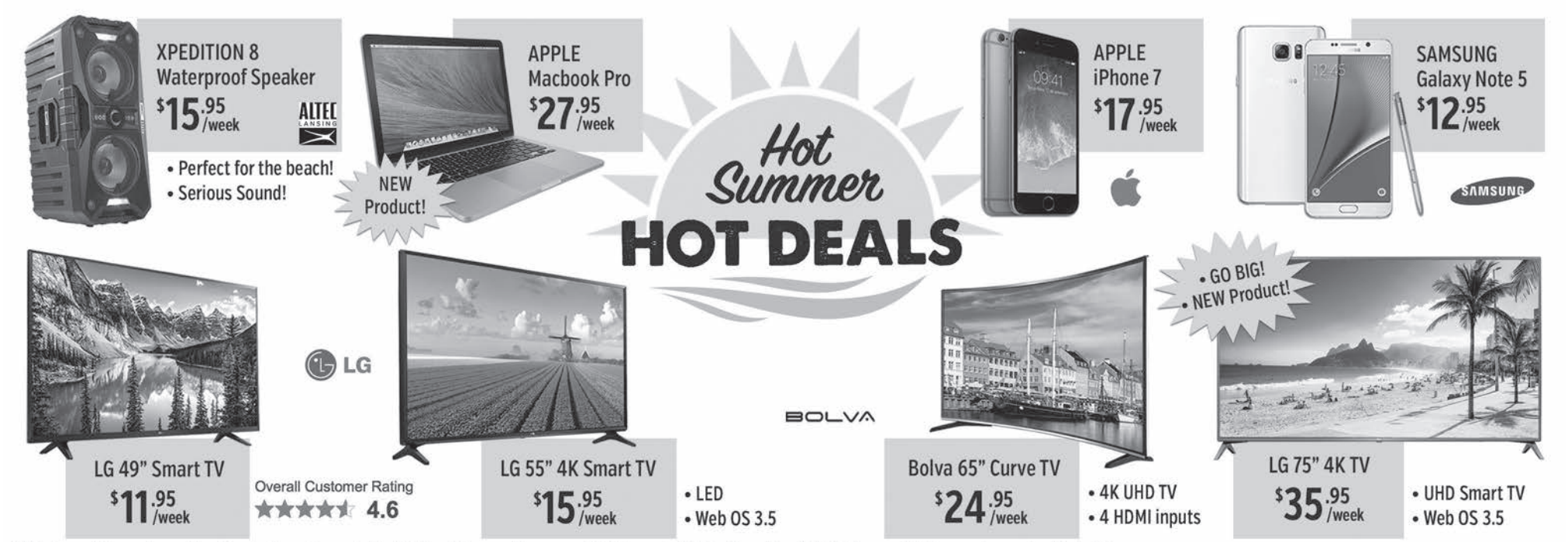
Nurse and the Raptors were completing contract terms Tuesday, according to the person who spoke to AP on condition of anonymity because the agreement had not been announced. ESPN first reported the hiring.

The move seems to suggest there will be at least some continuity between what the Raptors have been doing and what they'll do on his watch. Toronto went 59-23 this season, the best record in the Eastern Conference and second-best record in the NBA behind only Houston — and Nurse was in charge of the offense, led by All-Star guards DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry.

The decision comes a month after Casey was let go and one day after he was hired by the Detroit Pistons as their new coach. The Raptors always raved about Casey's work ethic, and Nurse took note.

"I've learned a lot about preparation from him, the seriousness of attention to detail," Nurse told Canada's Sportsnet in February. "He's been around the league a long time and he's seen it all. That's the biggest thing. We have to prepare the players and can't leave any stone unturned. We have to know everything the other team is doing and really work hard and grind it out."

Nurse graduated from Northern Iowa and got his first head coaching position at Grand View College when he was only 23 — some 27 years ago. He spent more than a decade in Europe, was an assistant coach for Britain at the 2012 London Olympics, is a past G League coach of the year and coached Rio Grande to that league's title in 2013. ***(AP)***



Bears down Ballistics, likely to take pennant in SBL

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The Chalan Kanoa Bears are poised to get the pennant in the 2018 Saipan Baseball League as they continued their run in the second round of the regular season.

The Bears improved to a 14-1 record following their 12-9 triumph over the Ballistics last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The 2016 champions are still undefeated in the second round, notching their sixth straight win and will need only one more victory to officially bag the pennant. The Bears will have their last three games against the Blue Jays, Falcons, and Indians (make-up).

Down, 3-4, after three complete innings, the Bears used a six-run top of the fourth to grab the lead and foil the Ballistics' bid for an upset and continue their streak, which has been going on for more than three months. The Bears dropped their opener against the defending champions Aces, 4-14, before sweeping the last eight matches in the first round of the regular season and going 6-0 in the second.

Shortstop A.J. Lizama led the Bears in the pivotal top of the fourth, as he hit a two-RBI double and also stole home. Jose and Henry Lizama added an RBI single each.

The Ballistics, which had a 5-9 mark pending results of last Wednesday and yesterday's matches, threatened the Bears at the bottom of the ninth after scoring four runs. However, closer Shakobe Rangamar got back-to-back strikeouts and second baseman Henry Lizama and A.J. Lizama teamed up for a 4-6 play on Jay Camacho to end the match.

In other results, Titanium cruised past the Blue Jays last Tuesday, 11-2. Titanium notched its ninth win in 15 games, while the Blue Jays fell to a 4-9 card.

After allowing Blue Jays to score two runs in the third inning, Titanium shut down its foes in the last six for the easy win.

Silver Streak's Silver Anniversary Run tomorrow

The 25th Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run will hit the road tomorrow with a 5am show time and 6am start.

Known as the Silver Streak, the event is a 7K run/walk (4.2 miles) which starts and finishes in front of the T Galleria's main entrance fronting Beach Road. The turnaround is at the Quarter Master intersection at the Tank.

The fun run started 25 years ago to honor the memory of former DFS Saipan president Tom Picarro, who died on June 18, 1993.

The Silver Streak Run will have seven categories: Under 12; Under 19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59, and 60 above for both male and female and overall finisher.

Registration forms are available at T Galleria from 10:30am to 10:30pm at the Concierge. Registration fee is $10 with great raffle prizes and a commemorative t-shirt for the first 200 finishers. ***(PR)***

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squad has players entered in the finals of both the girls and boys U14 singles and doubles, while its bets in the U16 singles and doubles, have a strong chance to top their competition. Then in the U12 team event, both the boys and girls squads of the Commonwealth are in good position to secure the championship in their respective divisions.

Race's wards are able to show these impressive performances in the ongoing tournament in Guam despite the absence of the CNMI's top-ranked players, who are in New Caledonia competing in separate tournaments and will continue their training at the regional facility in Fiji.

"Considering five of our best players are off-island and we have many first-timers, we are having a great success here. Seung Jin Paik, Coume Kaga, Malika Miyawaki, Sam Ryu, Anthony Gregoire, and David Kwon are all in a good position to win their divisions," Race said in a message sent to *Saipan Tribune* after last Wednesday's matches.

"Our team has compiled a 58-28 match record (after Day 3) and several other players have winning records, which may earn them a place on the North Pacific Team to the POJC," the CNMI coach added.

Paik advanced to the finals of the boys U14 singles after beating Guam's Dakota Gibson in the semis yesterday, 6-1, 7-6. The No. 1 seed CNMI player will play the unranked Deavyn Etscheit of the Federated States of Micronesian in the title game today. Etscheit took the other finals berth after ousting compatriot Nolen Narruhn, 6-3, 3-6, 10-7.

Paik is also in the doubles finals after he and Daniel Kang swept Guam's Jacob Jackson and Aarman Sachdev, 6-2, 6-4. Guam's Gibson and Thomas Ysrael averted an all-CNMI title match in the division after eliminating Andy Kim and Isaac Heo in the other semis game, 6-3, 6-3.

In the girls U14 doubles, Kaga and Hye Jin Elliot are one win away from clinching the championship after downing compatriot Anika Camacho and Palau's Galya Mikel in the semis, 6-0, 6-2. Kaga and Elliot will be pitted against the Guam-Palau tandem of Kaia Malalooti and Ngelittle Silmai in today's finals after the latter prevailed against FSM's Niqui Peterson and Isabella Sipos in the other semis pairing, 6-0, 6-3.

Kaga also moved closer to the singles crown in her age group after making it to the finals following a 6-2, 6-1 win over Malakooti. Kaga will go for the singles title today when she takes on FSM's Ridianne Wolphagen, who knocked out Silmai, 6-1, 6-0.

In the girls U16, Miyawaki retained her perfect record (4-0) and kept the lead in the round-robin contest after shutting down Guam's Aprile Kim yesterday. Miyawaki will vie for the division title today when she meets fellow CNMI player Maria Gregoire, who holds a 3-1 record, and may force a three-way tie (with Anne Skilling and Miyawaki) for the top spot if she stuns the former in the last match in the group.

In the doubles, Gregoire and Miyawaki won over Guam's Paige Mantanona and Joycelyn Tenai, 6-2, 6-2, and can get the division title if they beat Guam's Kim and FSM's Skilling today.

In the boys U16 singles, Sam Ryu moved up to a 5-0 record and will duel fellow undefeated player Marshall Zang of Guam for the division crown. Ryu got win No. 5 after topping fellow CNMI player Eugene Park, 6-2, 6-1.

In the doubles, Ryu partnered with Park and they outclassed FSM's Karl Manlapaz and Andy Sipos, 6-3, 7-6 (1) to move one win away from ruling the division. Ryu and Park must defeat compatriot Daniel Heo and Zang today to take the doubles plum.

U12 teams results

Anthony Gregoire and Kwon are still perfect with a 4-0 record in Day 4 of the team event.

The CNMI duo swept Guam Boys 2's Gannon Sweeney and Logan Schembari to hike its points to 8, ahead of 2 markers against FSM 1 (6) and 3 over North Boys Combined.

Kwon beat Sweeney in the first singles, 6-0, 6-1, while Gregoire also took only two sets to down Schembari in the other singles play, 6-1, 6-1. The CNMI pair earned a similar 6-1, 6-1 triumph over Guam 2 in the doubles. Kwon and Gregoire will play their last game in the pool today when they challenge North Boys Combined and need another sweep to seal the title win.

In the girls division, the CNMI Girls 1 must also prevail in all three games against FSM Girls 1 today to steal the championship. CNMI Girls 1 holds a 2-1 record and 4 points for second place behind FSM Girls 1, which has earned 6 points against the three opponents it defeated.

CNMI Girls 1's Helen Kim and Serin Chung defeated FSM Girls 2's Shelly Palsis and Arthisha Mallarme in the two singles and one doubles matches to stay in the hunt for the division championship.

CNMI Girls 2's Ye Jin Son and Dane Lee also won over Guam Girls' Freemont Gibson and Sydney Packbler, 2-1, to finish the tournament with an even 2-2 mark.

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Everything appeared to be running smoothly for Spain, with Lopetegui leading the team on a 20-match unbeaten streak and turning it into a top title contender again after disappointing eliminations from the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 European Championship.

But Rubiales, the newly elected federation president, didn't like the timing of Madrid's surprise announcement on Tuesday and decided to take the drastic measure of firing the coach. He said that winning was important but not as much as maintaining the federation's values.

"I talked to the players and they have shown their commitment to do everything they can to take the national team as far as possible in this tournament," Rubiales said. "This is already in the past. We are moving forward."

Hierro, a former national team player and Real Madrid captain, is taking on his first major coaching job. He was Carlo Ancelotti's assistant at Madrid after Zinedine Zidane left the post in 2014, and coached second-division club Real Oviedo two seasons ago.

"I only have one year of experience with Oviedo and one year of experience as an assistant coach," Hierro said. "(But) I've been near a ball for 30 years."

Lowly-ranked Russians face Saudis

In Moscow, the World Cup is set to start and finish with games at the opposite ends of the spectrum.

The lowest-ranked teams at the tournament will meet in the opener Thursday when Russia hosts Saudi Arabia at Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, which is also venue for the July 15 final.

The No. 70-ranked Russians got an automatic spot as tournament host and the Saudis, at No. 67, have the lowest ranking of the 31 countries which secured places via qualifying. They're the longest of long shots to reach the final.

The home team will likely need to win to have a realistic hope of advancing from Group A, and is expected to have Russian President Vladimir Putin in the crowd for support as it bids to end a winless streak of seven games. Only one World Cup host nation has failed to get past the group stage -- South Africa in 2010.

The other two teams in the group, Egypt and Uruguay, boast star forwards in Mohamed Salah and Luis Suarez who could cause major problems for the Russia and Saudi defenses.

The Saudis lost their last three games but remain upbeat at their first World Cup appearance for 12 years.

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Guam's Richelle Tugade (13.49), and Chuuk's Vicksy Dereas (13.63) and Emyrose Erwin (13.93).

The CNMI's three other gold medals came from Tania Tan, Cassandra Camacho, and Tinian's Manny Quitugua. Unofficial medal tally was based on *Saipan Tribune's* 6pm cutoff time yesterday.

Tan prevailed in the girls U18's 3,000m run after clocking in at 12:20.99. She made it to the finish line about a minute ahead of fellow CNMI bet and Saipan International School student Anika Snyder, who submitted 13:18.77. Guam's Minami Cramer came in at third after checking in at 13:29.74.

In the boys U18 hammer throw, Quitugua recorded 24.07 meters to lead Tinian's 1-2-3 finish in the competition, as John Dona and Tyrell Ngwaki rounded out the podium after registering 19.97m and 14.86m, respectively. Camacho also won in the hammer throw after logging 17.15 in the girls U18.

In other results, Guam took the pair of gold medals in the women's and girls U18 400m hurdles. Richelle Tugade timed in at 1:10.29 to prevail against compatriot Danica Cacayan (1:10.69) and Maurine Dela Paz (1:14.06) in the women's open division, while Kiana Rivera got the gold in the U18 age group with her 1:11.11.

In the men's open 400m hurdles, the CNMI's Beo Ngirchongor finished third (1:05.93) behind gold medal winner Jeofry Limtiaco (1:00.44) and runner-up Kyle Delos Santos (1:02.03) of Guam.

Guam also had a 1-2 finish in the women's open hammer throw after Genie Gerardo submitted 31.36m and Amanda Santos posted 21.89m. The CNMI's Annalei Santos completed the Top 3 with her 18.68m heave.

In the high jump, the winners were boys U18's Iverson August (1.65m) and men's open's Ryon Gaines (1.68) of Palau and women's open's Dela Paz (1.38m) of Guam. The CNMI's Douglas Schmidt took the silver in the men's open after recording 1.56m, while John Christian Guinto (1.56m), also of the CNMI, brought home the silver in the U18 division.

In the U18 100 run, the CNMI's Jamie Pangelinan and Traven Quitugua made it to the podium. Quitugua was the runner-up in the sprint after clocking in at 11.65 seconds, while Chuuk's Miaky Midaen (11.46) and Guam's Joseph Aguon (11.68) placed first and third, respectively. Pangelinan was ranked third with her 13.81 seconds, finishing behind Nauru's Melanie Ribauw (13.56 seconds) and Guam's Rivera (13.70).

In the men's 3,000m race, Tyler Santos gave the CNMI a bronze medal after timing in at 11:10.72. Guam's Derek Mandell won the gold with his under 10-minute time (9:45.08), while compatriot Ben Middlebrooks (10:09.10) took the silver.

In other events, Schmidt qualified to the finals of the 400m run after placing second on Heat 1. He posted 53.60 seconds in the qualifier and was ranked fifth overall among the 17 runners who did the race. Chuuk's Francis Rikat topped Heat 1 with his 53.02 seconds, while other first place finishers in their respective groups were Guam's David Kivdone (52.78 seconds) and Palau's Gwynn Uehera (53.23 seconds)

SAIPAN WORLD CUP
fans' picks and favorites

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Today, the battle for the coveted golden trophy will begin in Russia. Fans will watch the 32 nations slug it out in the FIFA World Cup 2018 and cheer for their favorite teams. On Saipan, soccer followers will wake up in the wee hours of morning or stay up late to catch action in the biggest tournament of the year.

Will Germany win anew, will Brazil and Spain bounce back from the painful loss four years ago, or will Lionel Messi and Ronaldo finally get the elusive World Cup win that would complete their legendary career?

We will have to wait for a month to find the answers, but for the meantime, let's get insights on the World Cup from our soccer players and officials.

"My favorite team is Spain, but I think Germany will defend the title this year. Unlike other top teams with superstars, Germany always has a 'TEAM' without any superstar. It was not easy for them to do well in Brazil/South America 4 years ago, and playing in nearby neighbor, Russia, this year should give them slight advantage over Argentina and Brazil. I also expect France and Belgium to do well.

Jerry Tan, *NMIFA president*

"I'll go for Spain. In the last World Cup they went out after the group stage because most of their players played UEFA Champions League final 2014 right before Brazil World Cup and they were in a very bad physical conditions. This time, players conditions are very good and new coach Julen Ropetigui's squad continued winning 20 matches since 2016.

Michiteru Mita, *NMIFA technical director*

"My favorite team is Nigeria, but I think France will win the World Cup. The team did a good transition from the last generation to current young generation. Plus they have a lot of talented players on every position.

Jonathan Takano, *CNMI Men's National Team captain*

"Germany. The team rely neither on unnecessary territorial possession, dedication to defending nor any obvious physicality, but are able to resist and overcome the best opponents by doing the simple things excellently. They will win the ball and play straight through the middle in a fast counterattack, or push it out to the wing, advance to the opposition area and finish the inevitable cross or cut-back. Nothing was complicated. The depth in that squad is extraordinary. Imagine leaving out Leroy Sane! It's tough to win it back-to-back and it's not been done since Brazil in 1958 and 1962. But they know how to get over the line. There's no denying that defending champions Germany are the world's strongest side.

Norman Del Rosario, *MP United Football Club coach*

"My favorite team is Spain, but I think Argentina will win because of Lionel Messi."

Rodwealth Espana, *CNMI Men's National Team pool member*

"My favorite team is Australia. One of my favorite players is the superstar in that team—Tim Cahill. It'll be a hard journey to the top but I personally believe that Australia has a big chance to make it to the top. They have been practicing this past four years for this event and it should pay off soon!"

Louie Calayag, *CNMI Men's National Team pool member*

"Iceland is my favorite team in this year's World Cup because of the accomplishments they've achieved as a small nation. Everybody loves an underdog. Not only does the team amaze me, but the fans as well with the 'Thunder Clap'. For me, there's really no obvious favorite to win in this World Cup; Spain, France, Belgium each have a strong team, Argentina has Messi, and Portugal has Ronaldo. Reigning champions Germany have a great chance too, but it's very difficult to win back-to-back. I think Brazil will win this year's World Cup. They have Neymar, who is performing at his peak, and other players backing him up, such as Philippe Coutinho, Gabriel Jesus, and Roberto Firmino. I feel the Brazil team is determined to erase the memories of the nightmare they had against Germany. I'm speaking it into existence that Brazill will win their sixth World Cup in Russia, so long as Neymar doesn't get injured.

Ryan Relucio, *CNMI Men's National Team pool member*

"My favorite team is Brazil because they are a well-rounded team with great chemistry. I also think Brazil would win the World Cup because they deserved to win it due to the last World Cup semifinals. They lost because of tragic events that occurred which caused some players getting severely injured. Now, I think they could win and make sure that the world will know that they are the best.

Gillian Villagomez, *CNMI Women's National Team pool member*

"My favorite team in the World Cup is Germany. Although they have no particular star players, I feel that all the players worked hard in becoming a 'star team.' I also feel that they will win this year's World Cup due to their performance in the previous years. On the pitch, each player works as hard just as the other, passing the ball to one another, making plays, and scoring goals. They show teamwork, fair play, effort, and the eagerness to win."

Mia Carreon, *CNMI Women's National Team pool member*

"I will go for Brazil because all I know is they have a strong defense and good chemistry."

Theresa Toves, *Kanoa Football Club goalkeeper*

"Brazil as always. They have the strongest squad and most experienced players. Plus they are hungrier to win this year after their big loss last WC."

Jershwin Angeles, *CNMI Men's National Team assistant coach*

North America trio beats Morocco to host 2026 World Cup

MOSCOW (AP)—North America will host the 2026 World Cup after FIFA voters overwhelmingly opted for the financial and logistical certainty of a United States-led bid over a risky Moroccan proposal for the first 48-team tournament.

The soccer showpiece will return to the U.S. for the first time since 1994 after gaining 134 votes, while Morocco got 65 at the FIFA Congress in Moscow on Wednesday.

The vote by football federations was public, in contrast to secrecy surrounding the ballot by FIFA's elected board members for the 2018 and 2022 hosts, Russia and Qatar, in 2010.

The U.S. proposed staging 60 out of the 80 games in 2026, when 16 teams will be added to the finals, leaving Canada and Mexico with ten fixtures each.

An optimistic promise of delivering $14 billion in revenue helped sway voters, along with the lack of major construction work required on the 16 planned stadiums, all of which already exist.

By contrast, Morocco appeared too hazardous as a potential host when all 14 venues had to be built or renovated as part of a $16 billion investment in new infrastructure. The vote leaves Morocco reeling from a fifth failure in a World Cup hosting vote, with the continent's sole tournament coming in 2010 in South Africa.

While Morocco's combined tickets and hospitality revenue would be $1.07 billion, according to FIFA analysis, North America would generate $2 billion additional income.

Canada will host men's World Cup matches for the first time, while Mexico gets its first taste of the event since staging the entire event in 1986.

The 87,000-capacity MetLife Stadium outside New York is proposed for the final. It's just miles from where federal prosecutors spearheaded an ongoing investigation into FIFA corruption. More than 40 soccer officials and businesses indicted, convicted or pleaded guilty.

The bribery scandal put the governing body on the brink, FIFA President Gianni Infantino told the congress ahead of Wednesday's vote.

"FIFA was clinically dead as an organization," Infantino said, reflecting on his election in 2016. "Two years later, FIFA is alive and well, full of joy and passion and with a vision for its future."

The North American victory suggests football officials are ready to gather for a World Cup in a country whose government has demonstrated its willingness to jail corrupt sports leaders through undercover investigations.

The North America bid also had to overcome concerns about the impact of policies from the Trump administration, including attempts to implement a ban on travel by residents of six majority-Muslim countries.

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Sapong, Tan earn gold medals

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From left, the CNMI's Anika Snyder, Guam's Minami Cramer, and the CNMI's Tania Tan run together in the first few meters of the 3,000m race during the opening of the Oceania Micronesian Regional Championships 2018 yesterday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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The CNMI's Nick Gross competes in the javelin throw during the Oceania Micronesian Regional Championships 2018 yesterday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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The Oceania Micronesian Regional Championships 2018 kicked off yesterday at the Oleai Sports Complex with host CNMI bagging four gold medals after 14 events.

Zarinae Sapong proved that she is the region's sprint queen after ruling the women's open 100m run. She timed in at 13.25 seconds to beat

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Jr. tennis players stand out in Guam

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Four days into the tournament, the CNMI Junior National Team is proving to be a force to reckon with in the 2018 North Pacific Regional Championships.

The Jeff Race-coached

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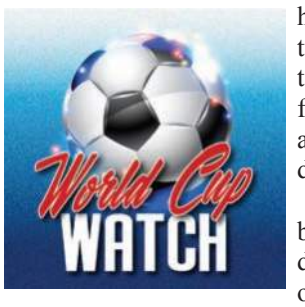
Malika Miyawaki, seen here getting ready for a return, is a win away from clinching the girls U16 singles title in the 2018 North Pacific Regional Championships in Guam.

Troubled Spain meets rival Portugal and Ronaldo

SOCHI (AP)—Compared to Spain's coaching chaos, the distractions created by Cristiano Ronaldo have become almost meaningless for Portugal.

Spain will play its opening World Cup match against the European champions on Friday with a coach who has been on the job for only two days. Fernando Hierro, a former national team player who had been acting as the national team's sports director in Russia, will coach the squad following the Spanish federation's shocking decision to fire Julen Lopetegui on Wednesday.



"We have to stop thinking about the past and focus on our match against Portugal," Hierro said Wednesday. "We don't have time to lament. We have to be mature. We have to change our focus. We have an obligation to do it."

Portugal had been the team dealing with off-the-field distractions ever since Ronaldo hinted after the Champions League final that he was going to leave Madrid. He said he would reveal his plans when he joined the national team, putting the spotlight on himself instead of Portugal's World Cup preparations, but he was yet to make any announcements.

"We are in a very difficult situation," Spanish federation president Luis Rubiales said. "It's very complicated. I'm not going to come here and say that this was the best solution."

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